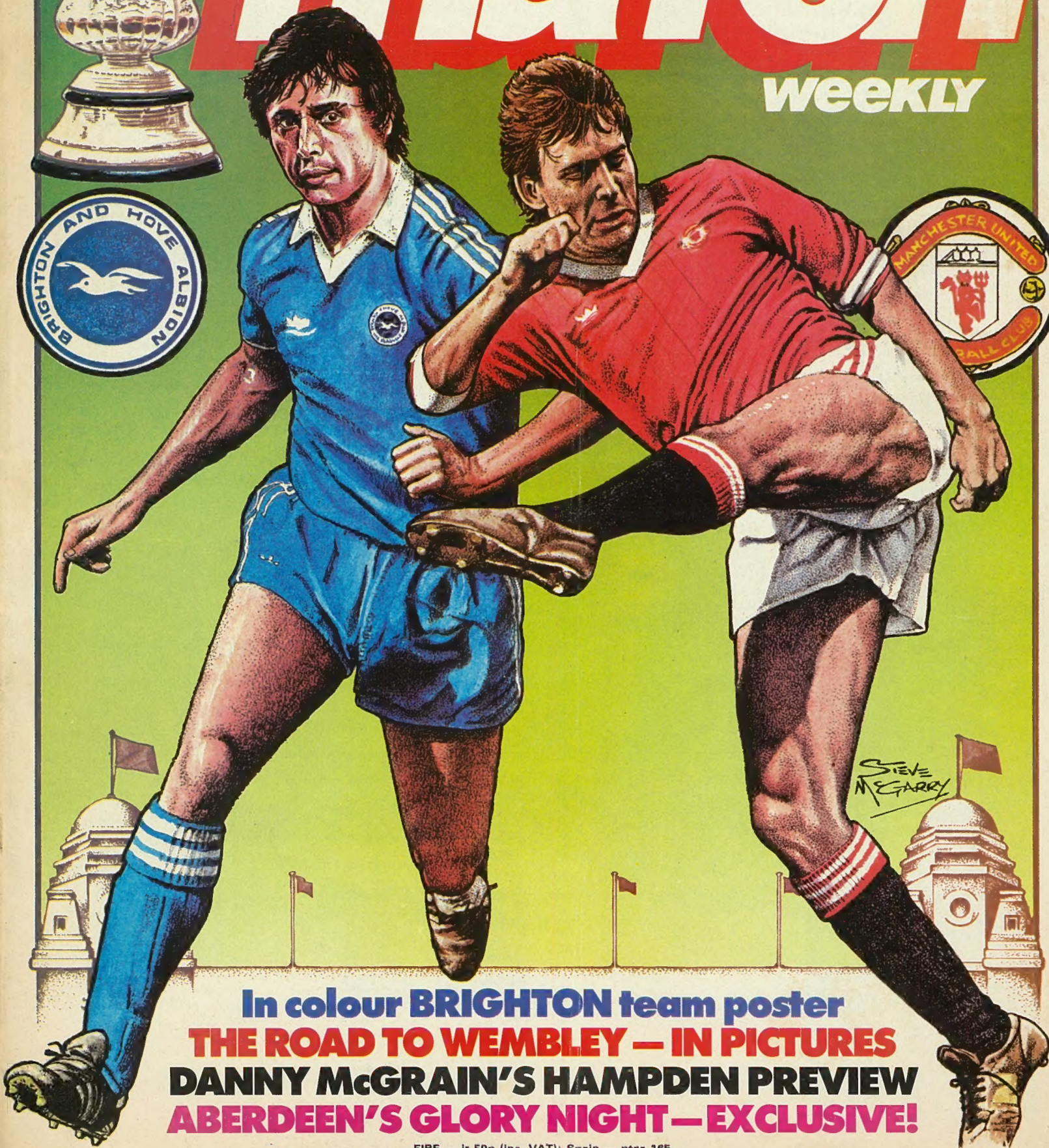


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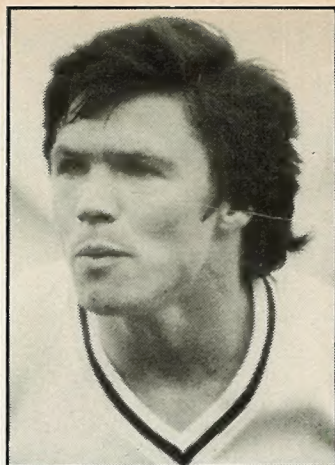


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STEVE PERRYMAN (Spurs)

'It's wide open... in my book there's no such thing as favourites in an FA Cup Final.

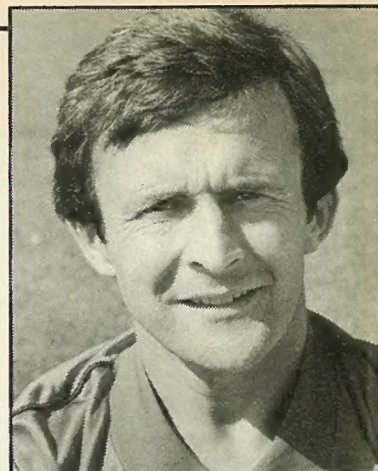
It's not even the best team on the day that triumphs. The side which gets the breaks and copes better with the pressures that lead up to the match, usually end up parading the trophy around Wembley.

The absence of Steve Foster is crucial to Brighton. They needed him against two strong strikers of Frank Stapleton and Norman Whiteside's calibre.

Having said that the Cup Final isn't about superstars. It could be that Steve's deputy turns out to be the Wembley hero.

I didn't really want to forecast a winner but 'Match' pushed me so I have to go for the favourites Manchester United.'

Prediction: Brighton 0 Man. Utd 1.



JOHN HOLLINS (Arsenal)

'United have a tendency to let in the occasional silly goal and Brighton could exploit that weakness.

We caught them by surprise in the Semi-Final when Tony Woodcock put us ahead but we didn't do enough to hold them. United are very patient and can wear their opponents down.

The two key men in the Manchester side are Bryan Robson and Arnold Muhren and it's in midfield where I believe United could prove too strong for relegated Brighton.

In Jimmy Case and Michael Robinson 'The Seagulls' have their own dangers, but I'm sticking with the favourites to lift the cup.'

Prediction: Brighton 1 Man. Utd 2.

GARY BANNISTER (Sheff. Wed)

'Jimmy Case could be the big danger to Manchester United now that Remi Moses has been ruled out.

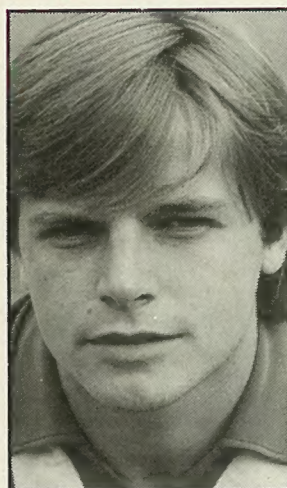
Remi is a determined midfielder and one of the best markers in the game and I expected him to keep the former Liverpool favourite quiet at Wembley.

Having said that I still can't see Brighton pulling off a shock win. United are more adventurous and are more capable of pulling something special out of the bag.

But they will also miss Steve Coppell. He's great at getting to the byeline and slinging in crosses for Norman Whiteside and Frank Stapleton.

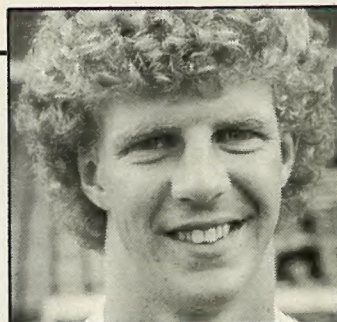
United's front two amaze me. They are both over six foot tall and yet they have exceptional ability on the ground.'

Prediction: Brighton 1 Man. Utd 2.



MATCH WEEKLY'S ALL-STAR JURY PREDICTS...

UNITED 10



TOMMY CATON (Man City)

'Brighton raised their game in the Fourth Round and slaughtered us 4-0. They can rise to the big occasion again at Wembley.

The club have marched so impressively to the Final that I believe their name may well be on the FA Cup this season.

Brighton have players who can turn the game — Jimmy Case has been in devastating form in earlier rounds and my former City team-mate Michael Robinson is a proven goalscorer.

Frank Stapleton is the man they will have to watch. I don't believe the Eire international gets the credit he deserves. As well as being good in the air he gets through a lot of work and is very difficult to play against.'

Prediction: Brighton 2 Man. Utd 1.

CRAIG JOHNSTON (LIVERPOOL)

'Michael Robinson gave Liverpool's back four their biggest headache of the season when Brighton beat us in the FA Cup at Anfield.

And I expect the Eire international to be a real handful for United at Wembley. He's a very powerful player who can score goals.

Losing the Milk Cup Final to Liverpool must have been a horrible experience for United and that will have made them even more determined not to miss out this time.

It will be the biggest game in Brighton's history, while United have been through it all before. Their experience of the big occasion should see them lift the trophy.'

Prediction: Brighton 1 Man. Utd 2



TERRY FENWICK (QPR)

'Steve Foster is a big friend of mine so he won't be too happy to hear I'm going for United to lift the FA Cup.

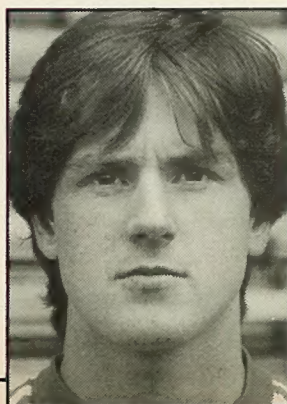
But it's not going to be as easy as many people imagine. I believe Brighton could force yet another FA Cup Final replay before finally losing.

There's a lot of pressure on players as they approach the Final but I think manager Jimmy Melia has done a great job to divert the attention away from his team. He's taken the limelight away.

But I still can't see United failing. They have too much strength in depth and are a better side.'

Prediction: Brighton 0 Man. Utd 0

Replay: Brighton 0 Man. Utd 3



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**FRONT COVER: Cup Final
rivals Michael Robinson (left)
and Bryan Robson.**

PAUL WALSH (Luton)

'If United play only reasonably well they should murder Brighton.

Ron Atkinson's men have so many potential match winners that I can't see them losing. They may have lost the tenacity and ball winning skills of Remi Moses, but skipper Bryan Robson can also fill that role.

Up front Brighton have two lethal goalscorers in Michael Robinson and Gordon Smith, but they could find the going tough against one of the best defences in the First Division.

The seashiders have got to survive the opening half hour if they are to stand a chance. That will be the crucial time for them.'

Prediction: Brighton 0 Man. Utd 2.

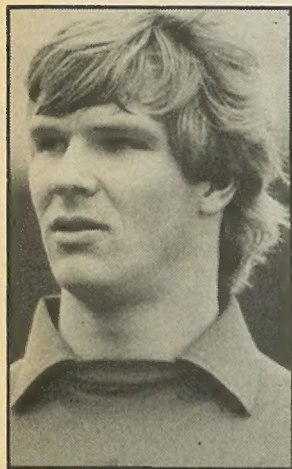
**CHRIS WOODS (Norwich)**

'I just can't see any way United will lose. They have too many top class players for them all to have an off day.

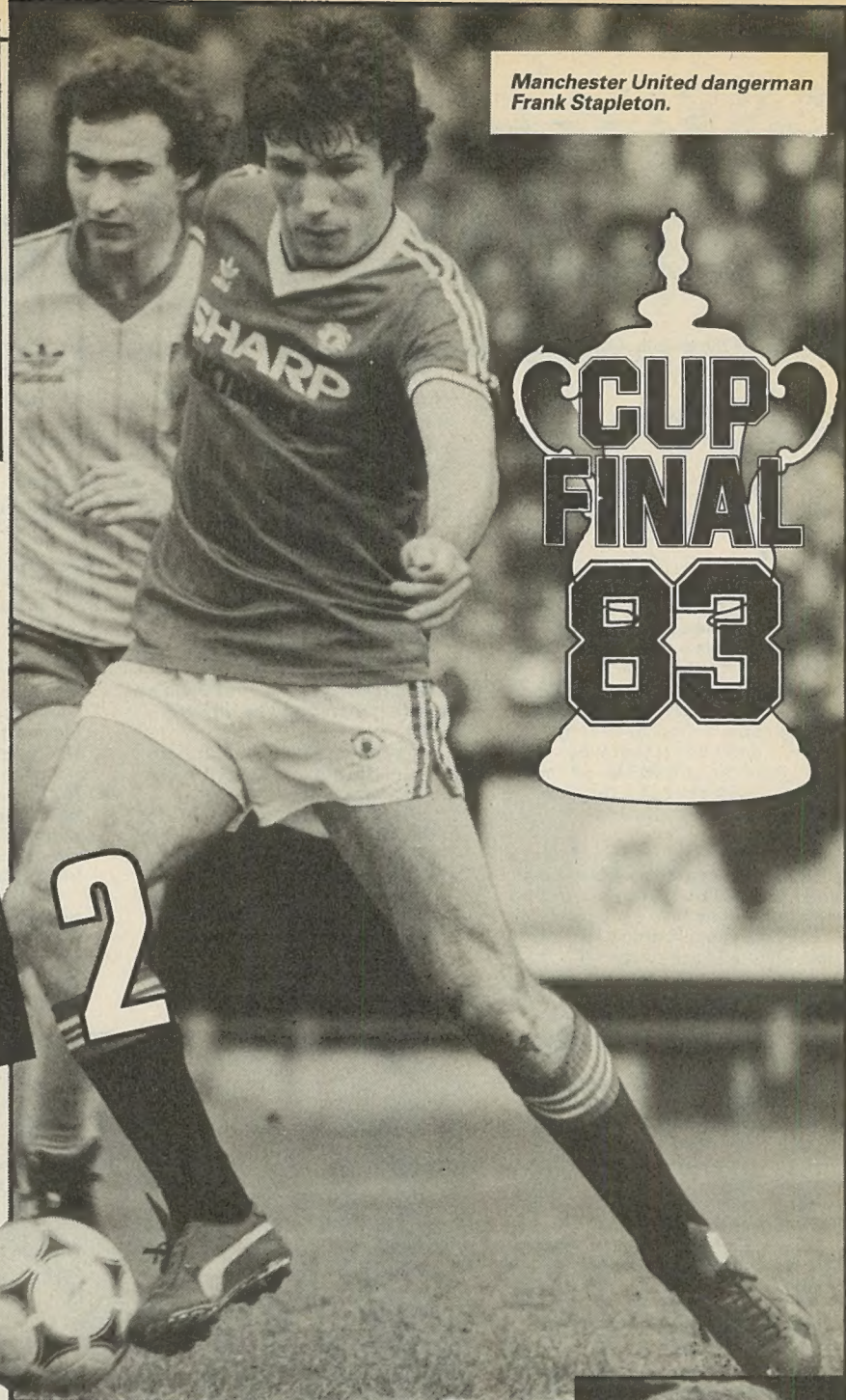
One of their biggest assets is young Norman Whiteside. He holds the ball so well and has struck up a lethal partnership with Frank Stapleton.

The loss of Steve Foster is a big blow. He was Brighton's rock in defence. People had to climb over him to beat the club. It's left a big gap and I don't know if anyone will be capable of plugging it.'

Prediction: Brighton 1 Man. Utd 3.



Manchester United dangerman Frank Stapleton.



BRIGHTON 2

GEOFF PIKE (WEST HAM)

'United need to have their backsides kicked if they don't beat Brighton. They are the better all round side.

After Liverpool's Ian Rush and Kenny Dalglish I regard Norman Whiteside and Frank Stapleton as the most dangerous partnership in the country. Without skipper Steve Foster Brighton could find it difficult to contain them.

Although everything points to a United victory — and they should win — I know from personal experience that things don't always go to plan at Wembley. Arsenal were red-hot favourites to beat us in the 1980 Final but we turned the form book upside down.'

Prediction: Brighton 0 Man. Utd 2

**GRAEME SHARP (EVERTON)**

'United are the better footballing side and they'll win convincingly.

I've always rated their skipper Bryan Robson and he's the man who could be the big influence on the game. He's a great midfielder and capable of popping up and scoring goals.

United will have to watch Jimmy Case. He's a menace when he gets a sniff of goal — he's proved that with four goals in the last four rounds. He'll relish a return to Wembley.

Steve Foster is a commanding figure in defence, but Brighton will miss him most of all at the set pieces.'

Prediction: Brighton 0 Man. Utd 2

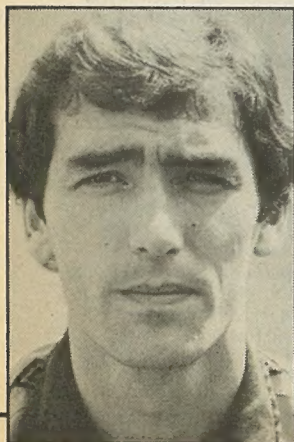
**JOHN McALLE (DERBY)**

'If Frank Stapleton and Bryan Robson were playing for Brighton then I'd take 'The Seagulls' to lift the FA Cup.

They are the players who spring to mind when you think about Manchester United. I've played against Frank a few times in my days at Wolves and always found him a handful. He's very quick, got good control and always seems to be in the right place at the right time.

Manager Jimmy Melia has gone on record as describing Steve Foster as 'Mr Brighton' so that goes to show just how highly rated the defender is. They'll really miss him at Wembley.'

Prediction: Brighton 1 Man. Utd 3

**CHRIS WADDLE (NEWCASTLE)**

'It's Brighton's Cup... they haven't come this far to lose.

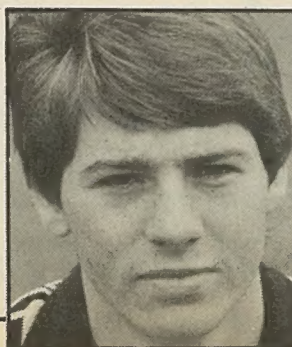
Even without skipper Steve Foster I believe Jimmy Melia's men can take the trophy to the Goldstone Ground. We played against them — without Foster — and Steve Gattling and Gary Stevens impressed me in the centre of defence.

Men like Jimmy Case and Michael Robinson like the big occasion and I can see them having a big say in the game.

Manchester United have a lot of household names in their side but I don't think it's going to be their year. Next season they may win something, but their name isn't on the Cup this time.'

Prediction: Brighton 1 Man. Utd 1.

Replay: Brighton 1 Man. Utd 0.



Wembley cheers...

by *Steve Gattling*

I know the pain of missing out on an FA Cup Final. It's happened to me twice before.

But this time — against all the odds — I'll be going back to Wembley to play.

And while everyone is tipping Manchester United to beat us easily, I don't see it that way.

All the pressure will be on them. We are just lucky to be there ... and we can rise to the big occasion!

It's a great feeling to finally get a chance to play in the FA Cup Final and I just can't wait to walk out on that famous turf.

For two years running I sat on the sidelines as my Arsenal team-mates took part in the Final. So I can understand what my skipper Steve Foster and United's Steve Coppell and Remi Moses must be going through.

The first time for me was in 1979 — ironically against United — when we won 3-2 in that never to be forgotten dramatic finish. I expected to be at least substitute after playing in five of the games leading up to Wembley — including the Semi-Final.

I was desperately sick when I didn't get a chance. Although I really wanted the lads to do well, I couldn't help feeling pangs of regret as the Cup was paraded around the ground.

The same thing happened to me the following year as 'The Gunners' reached Wembley again. This time Second Division West Ham pulled off a shock 1-0 win.

But all that will be forgotten on Saturday.

Even though ourselves and Manchester United finished at

RARELY, if ever, in football are the emotional extremes greater than on FA Cup Final day.

Someone has to win ... sadly, someone has to lose. It's either cheers or tears for souvenirs.

For some like Manchester United's Steve Coppell the heartbreak comes even before soccer's greatest showpiece kicks off.

For others like Brighton's Steve Gattling, Wembley can provide the stage for the greatest day of their lives.

The contrasting personal fortunes of the two Steve's are graphically illustrated here, as they look ahead to Saturday and strive to answer the burning question: Who will lift football's most glittering prize?

different ends of the First Division I believe it's going to be an even game.

On paper, Manchester United have all the big stars and the big match experience — indeed they've already been to Wembley in the Milk Cup this season — but we have a few people who can play a bit too.

United's dangermen are my former Arsenal team-mate Frank Stapleton and England skipper Bryan Robson.

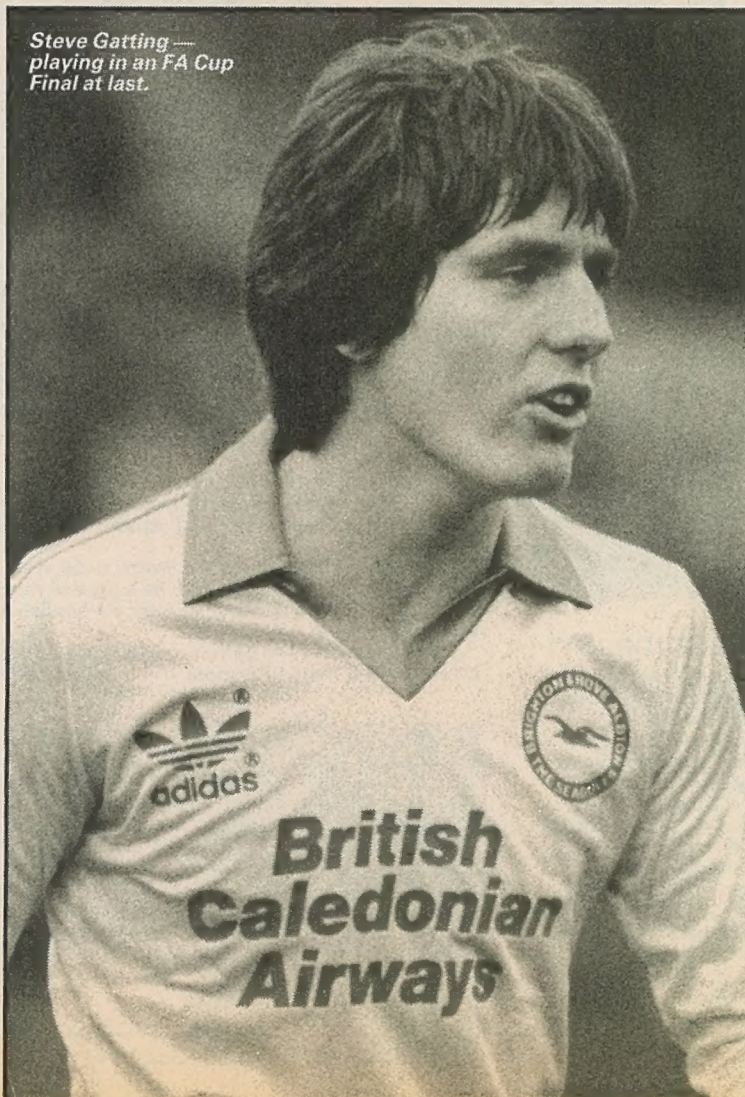
I've always admired Frank. He's such an unselfish, hard working

player. I believe he's had a big influence in the way young Norman Whiteside has blossomed this season.

But the man most likely to score for United is Bryan Robson. He's been described as the most complete midfield player in the country and I can't really see any reason to argue with that.

His direct runs into the opponents penalty area are always dangerous. Indeed it was such a run which enabled him to score against Arsenal in the Semi-Final at Villa Park.

Steve Gattling — playing in an FA Cup Final at last.



The loss of Steve Foster is obviously a major blow to Brighton. He's a very dominant figure and is always geeing up the players around him.

So it looks as though I'll move from full-back to partner young Gary Stevens in the centre of defence and that's a pairing Brighton have used before. In fact it worked well in our Third Round win over Newcastle at St James' Park.

Getting to the Final has cushioned the sickening blow of relegation. The season would have been dead and we'd have had nothing to look forward to, except the prospect of Second Division football next season.

And I don't believe our Cup run affected our League performances. In fact our results on the way to Wembley gave us added confidence.

I can't put my finger on why we've done so well in the FA Cup and yet have failed to shine in the League. We've always given 110 per cent in the Cup and perhaps that wasn't always the case in the First Division.

It's very hard to lift yourself week in week out. If we had played every game like our Cup-ties we'd have finished top of the table!

The fact that we've been relegated hasn't really sunk in yet. I don't suppose it will until the beginning of the season, when we look at the fixture list and realise that we've got to visit places like Carlisle.

It's the same with the fans. They've been too-occupied with getting their Cup Final tickets to think about next season.

It will be the first time I'll have played in the Second Division. I was talking to Tony Grealish the other day and he told me it's a very hard division to get out of.

Some players may not relish the prospect of dropping down, but it's important that as many as possible stay. I'm quite happy to start next season at Brighton and try to help them bounce straight back.

But at the moment our minds are on the FA Cup Final and the memories we collected on the way ... I'm not really thinking much further than that.

BRIGHTON are Match Weekly's adopted team in the Final.

Back in January we adopted tiny Worcester in our fascinating series 'All The Way to Wembley'.

But the non-Leaguers were knocked out by Coventry in the Third Round, so the 'Sky Blues' became our team.

The Highfield Road team were in turn beaten by Norwich in the Fifth Round and so on to Brighton who beat the Canaries in the Sixth Round.

So it's all the best to the Seagulls!

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by *Steve Coppel*

What a dream come true for Laurie Cunningham! When the former England winger joined us a couple of months ago on loan from Real Madrid, a Cup Final appearance must have been the last thing on his mind.

But my injury has opened the way for either Laurie or Ashley Grimes to play at Wembley.

And if it's my good friend Ashley who gets the nod, I know he can rise to the big occasion.

I've always rated him as an excellent player and he proved that against Arsenal in our Semi-Final victory.

For my own part, I was always fighting a losing battle against time to get fit for the Final.

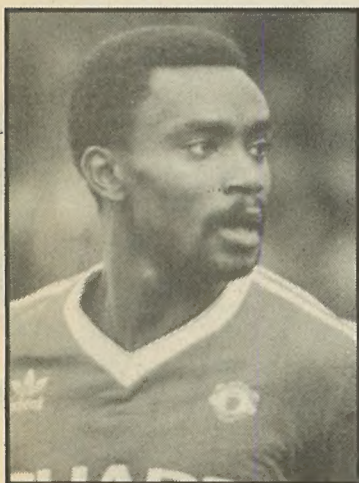
In my heart of hearts I knew when I had the cartilage operation that five weeks wasn't enough time to get fit for a match of this importance. I was struggling to make it from the off.

But I've got over the disappointment now and I'll be at Wembley cheering the lads on. I'm sure that they can beat Brighton and bring the Cup back to Old Trafford!

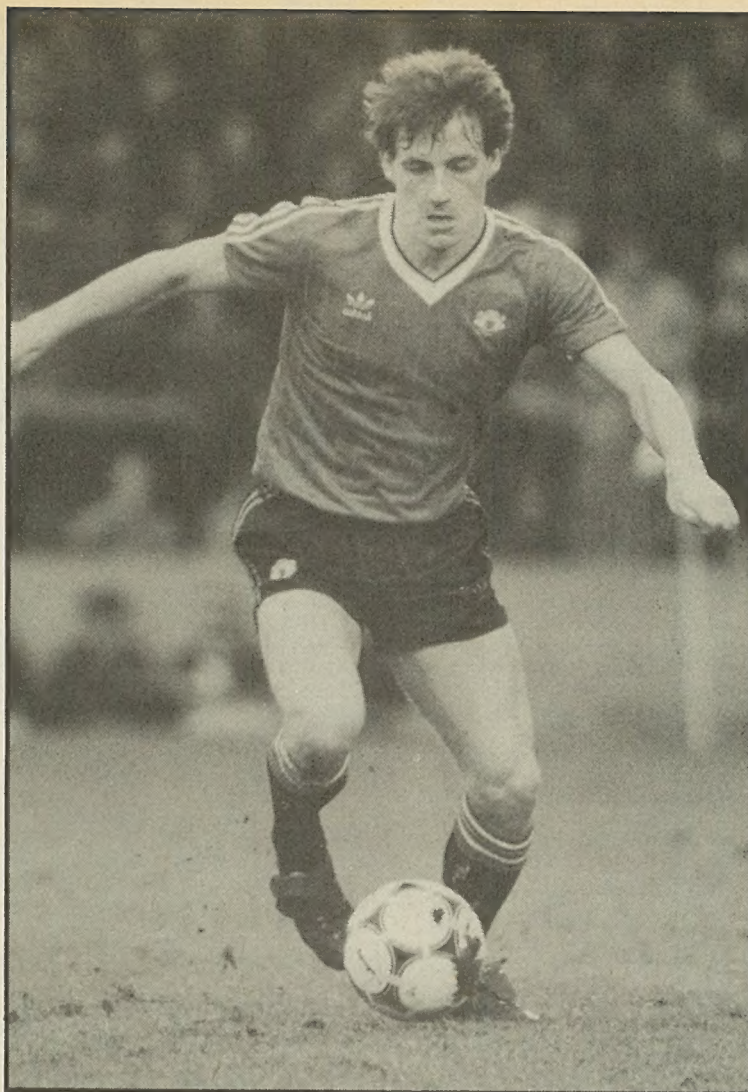
From my point of view and United's, it just wasn't worth taking the chance and gambling on my fitness. I had an operation last summer and was playing after five and a half weeks, but I wasn't really in shape.

So this time I'm going to take it easy and let nature take its course. I've got plenty of time, because I won't play again until the beginning of next season.

Even without myself and Remi



Laurie Cunningham — dream come true.



'Match columnist Steve Coppel — sure Manchester United can lift the Cup.

Moses in the side I don't see any need to worry. After all, we've got players of the calibre of Martin Buchan, John Gidman, Lou Macari, Laurie Cunningham and Ashley Grimes waiting in the wings.

They are all experienced and are used to the big occasions. You can be sure they won't let you down. That's the value of having a good strong squad.

The build-up to this match has been concentrated on the players who won't be playing. It's a pity Remi won't be out there, because he's come into his own in the last few months. He had added steel to our midfield.

The gritty midfielder became a victim of his own style. His competitive nature got him sent off against Arsenal on May Day.

Brighton skipper Steve Foster is generally accepted as the lynch-pin in defence and the side depend on him. I got to know him during the World Cup Finals in Spain last summer and I know he'll

be bitterly disappointed not to be playing.

Brighton are a 'Jekyll and Hyde' team. They have played well in the Cup and yet struggle in the First Division.

And even without Steve Foster they will be a handful. They've got players like midfielder Jimmy Case and Michael Robinson, who can turn games on their own.

Jimmy is a strong player with a fabulous shot and is deadly anywhere in the opponents half. He is very experienced and has played at the highest level with Liverpool, so he'll know all about the big occasion.

One big advantage we do have over 'The Seagulls' is that we've all experienced Wembley. It was only a couple of months ago that we were there for the Milk Cup Final against Liverpool.

We don't have to worry about how the younger members of the side will cope. Players like Norman Whiteside came through their



Wembley test with flying colours.

At Brighton only Jimmy Case has tasted the Wembley atmosphere on Cup Final day. It will be a new experience for the rest of them.

It's not just on the Saturday that you've got to worry. Your build-up has got to be right. Throughout the week you are subjected to television and press interviews and the spotlight is always on.

If you don't pace yourself and prepare properly you could be caught out on the pitch.

United start the game as red-hot favourites, but I know from bitter personal experience that the so-called certainties don't always win. I played in the United side which was beaten 1-0 by Second Division Southampton in 1977.

That result should serve as a reminder to the lads not to take what the bookmakers say for granted. We've got to forget about that and concentrate on playing.

Even though I'm confident United can win I expect it to be a very close game. Cup Finals always are nowadays. You don't get highscoring affairs.

But if a team scores early on — as we did against Liverpool — it often makes the game more open and attractive.

I'm not playing, but I will go down with the rest of the lads and take part in the general Wembley build-up, although I don't really know whether that's a good thing or not.

I want to be with them even though I may get a little irritated at times when I realise I'm on the outside looking in and won't be taking part in the big day.

Anyway I hope the lads can make it a day of celebrations for me by lifting the FA Cup!

● Steve Coppel and Steve Gattling were talking to Anthony Hawksell.

...Wembley tears

EVANS TIPS JUVENTUS



Allan Evans — tipping Juventus to lift the European Cup at the expense of Kevin Keegan's old club, Hamburg.

ASTON Villa defender Allan Evans is convinced that the European Cup is heading for Italy.

He believes that star-studded Juventus, who ended Villa's hopes of retaining the glittering trophy in the Quarter-Finals, will lift the prize for the first time against West German champions Hamburg in Athens next Wednesday.

"I haven't seen Hamburg play, but they'll have to be something special to defeat Juventus with the way the Italians played against us in both legs," says Allan.

"They are undoubtedly the best club side I've played against, and we've played against some good ones recently like Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Dynamo Kiev.

"It's not just the fact that they have quality players right through the side, but they play well together as a unit and have tremendous understanding.

"When they played us, it was rumoured that they weren't playing that well as a team, but they proved that they have knitted together to form a formidable side.

"The Germans have obviously done well to reach the Final, but if I had money on it, I would back Juventus."

It will be Hamburg's second Final appearance in three years — having once lost to Nottingham Forest when they had Kevin Keegan in their attack — and they will be looking to make amends for last season's shock defeat in the UEFA Cup Final by Swedish side Gothenburg.

Juventus have also figured in one losing European Cup Final, back in 1973 when they lost by the only goal against Ajax in Belgrade.

But, like Hamburg, they have one European success to their credit, a UEFA Cup triumph against Atletico Bilbao in 1977.

★ FOOTNOTE: The only previous time a European final was decided in Athens, Chelsea topped Real Madrid after a replay in the 1971 Cup Winners' Cup Final.

A HOARSE RIDE TO WEMBLEY!

BRIGHTON goalkeeper Graham Moseley has become a loud-mouth this season... and it's one of the reasons why the South Coast club have reached Wembley for the first time.

"Off the field I'm a very quiet, placid sort of person, and I used to be the same on it," says the former Blackburn and Derby keeper.

"But manager Jimmy Melia has been on to me about shouting more and taking greater responsibility in my own penalty area, which I've tried to do, and I believe the benefits are obvious.

"At 29, I'm the oldest member of our defence, so I should be helping the younger players around me. It means I've gone home with a croaky voice on a few occasions — but getting to Wembley has certainly made that well worthwhile."

ARNOLD'S WEMBLEY WOE...

SATURDAY'S game at Wembley will be the ninth final Manchester United's Arnold Muhren has appeared in during his career.

The Dutch international has been involved in two European Cup finals and a World Club Cup final with Ajax; two Dutch Cup finals with FC Twente; two UEFA Cup finals with Ipswich and a Milk Cup final with United.

It will be his third appearance at Wembley and so far he has yet to play on the winning side.

He was in the Dutch side which lost 2-0 to England last year and played for United in the 2-1 defeat by Liverpool in this year's Milk Cup Final... so it could be third time lucky.



'You told me Brighton would draw with Manchester United.'

ROVERS ON SHOW

AN exhibition devoted to Blackburn Rovers, the last team to win the FA Cup in three consecutive seasons, is now open at the town's Museum and Art Gallery.

The centrepiece of the display is the unique shield presented to the club by the Football Association to mark that great achievement between 1884 and 1886.

The exhibition, which runs until July 2, highlights the 108-year history of the club who, in addition to having won the FA Cup six times, were also founder members of the Football League.

Their story is told using medals, trophies, programmes and shirts borrowed from fans, former players and officials.

A MODEL OF HODDLE

BRIGHTON may have unearthed another Glenn Hoddle in 20-year-old Gary Howlett. That's the opinion of their Eire striker Mike Robinson after Gary's impressive cup debut in the Semi-Final win over Sheffield Wednesday.

"I'm not saying it because he's Irish, but I can see a great likeness with him and Glenn," says Mike in a glowing tribute to the Eire youth international. "We've not had the best of apprentices coming through at Brighton, but Gary is the one that has caught the eye. He's the best I've seen here."

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ANDY'S ENVY

Ritchie misses out on second Cup Final

FORMER Brighton striker Andy Ritchie is hoping he'll make it third time lucky by playing in an FA Cup Final with Leeds United.

Twice in the past four years, the 22-year-old has just missed out on fulfilling every footballer's dream of playing in a Wembley Final.

"I'm just hoping I'll eventually make it with Leeds," says Andy, who joined the Elland Road club just before Brighton's Semi-Final victory over Sheffield Wednesday.

He got even closer to Wembley four years ago with Manchester United... I was substitute for the two Semi-Final clashes with Liverpool but, when the Final against Arsenal came around, I was dropped, even though Brian Greenhough wasn't fully fit.

"Brian admitted that he shouldn't have been given the sub's role if he wasn't fit to play, so naturally I was pretty upset.

"This season I knew I was taking a gamble when I joined Leeds just before the Semi-Final, but I felt my future outweighed the possibility of Brighton getting to Wembley and I have no regrets.

"Obviously I'll have a few pangs of jealousy when the lads walk out at Wembley knowing that I might have been involved, but I feel I have

Left: Andy Ritchie — prepared for pangs of jealousy this Saturday, but no regrets about his move to Leeds.

made the right decision in attempting to secure my future in first team football."

Having played for both teams Andy, who was exchanged with Leeds' Terry Connor, can take a neutral stance on the day.

"I'm glad for both teams that they have made it to Wembley and I just hope that the best team wins on the day," he says.

"I shan't be rooting for one team or the other because my loyalties are divided. I just hope it's a good game.

"Reaching the Final is a real boost for the town of Brighton and the club, and they would probably benefit more from a Wembley victory.

"But in saying that, United will be desperately keen to avoid a second Wembley defeat this season. It all points to a fascinating match."

WHEN was the last time two brothers played on the winning side at Wembley?

If you've answered Jimmy and Brian Greenhoff for Manchester United in the 1977 defeat of Liverpool... you'd be wrong!

Earlier this month David and Peter Matthews achieved a great family double when they won the senior AND junior titles in the Match Weekly/Subbuteo English National Final.

The Matthews Final — appropriately just 30 years after Blackpool's wing wizard Stanley Matthews won the FA Cup virtually single-handed against Bolton in one of the most famous of all Wembley occasions — was a thrilling climax to a Subbuteo season that has involved more players than ever before.

The 16 finalists had battled their way through local leagues and regional play-offs to table-soccer's showpiece event at the Wembley Conference Centre.

The sparkling form of David, 19, and 16-year-old Peter, from Cheltenham, produced an amazing finale to the day.

As the crowd took their seats for the finals, the atmosphere behind the scenes was as tense as any Wembley dressing room.

The smell of spray-on furniture polish, used to make the players slide better, hung in the air as competitors carefully polished every base.

And the tension mounted with the senior final. After both eventual winner David, and Sean Copeland, from Tring, had failed to score after extra-time, the match was settled by Subbuteo's most exciting event — a penalty shoot-out!

Left: The victorious Matthews brothers with their trophies. Junior champion Peter (left) and senior winner David set Wembley alight in the Match Weekly/Subbuteo Finals.

30 YEARS ON ... IT'S ANOTHER MATTHEWS FINAL

Sean scored with two of his five shots but David netted with his last penalty to dramatically clinch the title 3-2.

Two crashing goals by brother Peter against Jonathan Ursell, also from Cheltenham, secured the junior title and that tremendous Matthews double.

"It was very nerve-racking, especially the last penalty which I knew I needed to win," said left-hander David, who played with his favourite Manchester United strip. "After being beaten in the semi-finals last year, it's great to go one better."

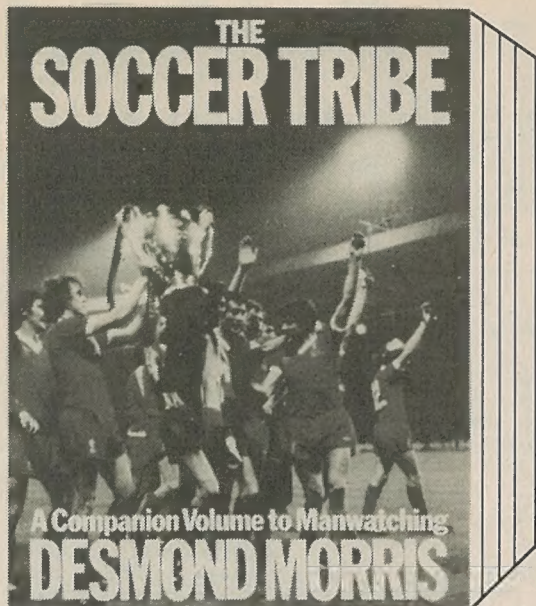
■ DUE to circumstances beyond our control, the focus on Manchester United's Mike Duxbury which was to have appeared in this issue has been replaced by a similar feature on his team-mate Arnold Muhren.

MATCH CHAT

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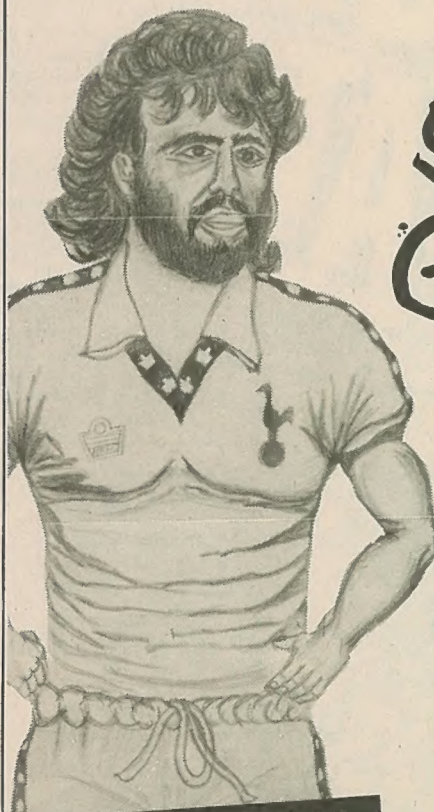


Kristian Russell of Windsor, Berkshire, has drawn the whole West Ham team! "They play such entertaining football and work perfectly as a team, so it wouldn't be fair to pick one player," he says.

"I think Tony Woodcock of Arsenal (right) should be in 'Star Gallery' because he makes full use of every opportunity," says Neill Stevens of East Grinstead, Sussex.



**STAR
GALLERY**



Ricky Villa of Tottenham has superb ball control, which he displayed in the 1981 Cup Final, and a very powerful shot, says 16-year-old Kazi Deyna of Sparkhill, Birmingham.



Darren Ryley (13) of Hampton Magna, Warwick, says Aston Villa's Peter Withe is "the best centre-forward in England."



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ALTHOUGH Liverpool have been crowned Football League Champions yet again, my team of the season is Watford.

We had the satisfaction of defeating them 3-1 in our last home game of the season, but in my book they have been a revelation.

Their uncomplicated brand of football has had its fair share of criticism, but Graham Taylor's side has answered it in the best possible way by taking the First Division by storm and qualifying for Europe at the first attempt.

It's a remarkable performance by the go-ahead little club and, the way they have upset First Division defences this season, I wouldn't bet against them winning the UEFA Cup next season!

That may seem a rather outrageous statement, but I can honestly see their direct all-action approach causing problems for foreign teams.

When we defeated them 2-1 in last season's League Cup, I just couldn't imagine them being such a force in the First Division.

Although they played well against us, I thought it was simply through confidence because of their success in the Second Division. I thought First Division teams would soon sort them out.

But it's not worked out that way. They never give you time to settle on the ball, they hunt in packs and their pace up front, with John Barnes and Luther Blissett, catches teams on the break.

People are saying that Watford's big test will come next season when they try to sustain their form.

They point to Swansea's sudden demise after an outstanding first season in Division One as evidence of what could happen once the euphoria has died down.



WATFORD: TAYLOR-MADE FOR EUROPE!



THE PAUL MARINER COLUMN

The popular centre-forward looks back on an eventful first season as skipper of Ipswich.

But I just can't imagine that happening at Watford. I don't think the management would allow that to occur.

I think in Swansea's case they were severely handicapped by injuries to important players and, in a small club with a limited first team squad, that comes as a real blow.

So, assuming everything is equal next season, I feel Watford will be upsetting us all again.

But I'm not forecasting them to be contenders for the Championship. Even at this stage, one can see it being a two-horse race again between Liverpool and Manchester United.

Star-studded

I honestly thought that United would push Liverpool closer for the title this season, particularly with their star-studded squad, but perhaps their players are yet to appreciate what a great chance they have of lifting one of football's greatest prizes.

It's difficult to see any other team pushing those two in the title race, although Nottingham Forest have shown signs in the closing weeks that they might prove a good outside bet.

I have been very impressed with youngsters Peter Davenport and Stephen Hodge and manager Brian Clough appears to be assembling quite a useful, young quad with potential to win things.

And, if we are to have a new face upsetting the old ones at the top, well, one has got to fancy Queen's Park Rangers, and not just because of their artificial pitch.

They have a lot of quality players in their squad, and it's also going to be interesting to see how First Division sides cope with their infamous pitch.

It shouldn't come as a problem

Left: Trevor Putney — his emergence has been one of the highlights of my first season as skipper.

for many because most train on these surfaces every week.

As for Ipswich, I believe that with the addition of a couple of players, we have the potential to haul ourselves back into the European picture which our fans have come to expect over the past few years.

Considering the loss of experienced talent like Mick Mills, Alan Brazil, Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren, plus long-term injuries to Eric Gates and George Burley, I believe we have done well to finish in a respectable position in the top half of the table.

There are not many clubs in the country who could have managed to achieve that with such a loss of key personnel.

But youngsters like Trevor Putney, Irvin Gernon and Mich D'Avray have done a tremendous job to help keep the ship stabilised, and I'm looking forward to great things from them next season.

For me, the emergence of Trevor Putney in midfield has been one of the highlights in my first season as skipper.

Vitality

He has come from nowhere to establish himself in Frans Thijssen's role on the right hand side. He is full of verve and vitality and brought a fresh pair of legs into the team.

He is a totally different player to the Dutchman, but his enthusiasm certainly rubbed off on the rest of us.

Irvin Gernon has yet to establish which is his best position, having played in midfield and at left-back. At times he has looked accomplished in the full-back role and, at other times, he has appeared awkward but, once he finds his First Division feet, I'm sure he'll be one to watch.

And I'm looking forward to playing alongside Mich D'Avray next season. He has been in my shadow for some time but, with Alan Brazil's move, he has been

given the chance to make a name for himself.

It's really a pity that the season has ended from his point of view because he showed good form in the closing games. He certainly took a lot of weight off me, and it will be interesting to see how we fare next season with Eric Gates alongside us.

But, apart from having the necessary potential to improve our position next season, we must also avoid giving away too many points at home.

Losing seven matches at Portman Road is almost unthinkable and is the reason why we have missed out on Europe for only the second time in the past ten years.

We must certainly show less charity next season if we are to provide the fans with the success they have come to expect from the team.

Despite our problems at home this season, the fans have stuck by us and I was tremendously thrilled to receive their 'Player of the Year' trophy for the first time.

In fact, I received two trophies on the same day, having also been elected 'Player of the Year' by the Executive Box Holders' Association — the people who use the private boxes at Portman Road.

It's gratifying to think that in my first season as captain, the fans have appreciated my efforts despite the fact that Ipswich have finished in their lowest position for five years.

Relished

People are maintaining that the captaincy has brought an improvement in my game, but I can't really judge.

All I know is that I have relished the job both on and off the field, and it may be that my enthusiasm for the role has rubbed off on my play.

Finally, I must have my little say about the FA Cup Final this weekend.

I'm delighted that Brighton have made it to Wembley, but disappointed that my old mate Steve Foster won't be leading them out.

He's a tower of strength as captain and gets on with the job and it's a shame he won't be there on the big day because of suspension.

I certainly think that Brighton will miss Steve more than United will miss Remi Moses.

I don't believe it's the open and shut case some people might think, although I feel that Brighton's hopes of winning the Cup for the first time might have gone with that booking for Foster at Notts County.

Cheers for now . . .

● Paul Mariner was taking to Melvyn Beck.

DAZZLING

THE city of Aberdeen gave us a sensational welcome after our fabulous European Cup Winners' Cup victory in Gothenburg.

There were incredible scenes as our open-top bus inched its way through the crowds. Ecstatic fans were hanging from windows and cheering on the rooftops. The whole city was at a total standstill.

The short journey from the airport to Pittodrie took two hours and, when we arrived at the ground, it was packed to the rafters. I never knew so many people lived in Aberdeen.

The European Cup Winners' Cup was the one I wanted to win this season and I've savoured every minute of our success. I want to remember it for years to come.

And we won in style! We deserved the victory and should even have beaten Spanish legends Real Madrid by more goals.

We got off to a dream start when young Eric Black put us ahead after just six minutes. It could have been his second of the match because a few moments earlier, he'd hit the bar with a great shot.

Right: Teenager Eric Black gives Aberdeen a flying start by beating Augustin's despairing dive after just six minutes.

Below: Willie Miller and his Aberdeen heroes celebrate the greatest moment in the club's history.

And there was only one spell when I thought we were in trouble. That was for about 20 minutes after Juanito had equalised from the penalty spot. We suffered an attack of nerves.

It was a silly goal to give away. Alex McLeish made a mistake — his only one of the game — and goalkeeper Jim Leighton couldn't reach his back-pass. There was no doubt it was a penalty.

My fear then was that they'd get a quick goal — it sometimes happens after a team has just levelled the scores. But they were content to knock the ball around at the back.

In the second half, we pushed Peter Weir into a more forward

THE GORDON STRACHAN COLUMN

role and it was all Aberdeen from then on. Before the interval, he had been playing as if he was marking their full-back.

The chances came thick and fast for us and I had two good opportunities. The best was minutes before the end when I hit a shot high and wide.

Even though the chances weren't going in and extra-time loomed, we didn't panic — we kept plugging away and I was always confident we'd break them down.

Just before the end of normal time, Eric Black limped off with a recurrence of an ankle injury

and John Hewitt came on. What a handy bloke he is to have on the sidelines!

John, who got the winner against Bayern in the Quarter-Final, repeated his trick with a splendid goal. Peter Weir released Mark McGhee and his cross was superbly headed home.

The atmosphere was incredible and our fans were going mad. It was important that we didn't get carried away and let it slip in the last nine minutes. Usually the final moments in a match like that tend to seem like hours.

Instead, they just flew past. I think that was because we were still attacking them.

There's no doubt in my mind that once extra-time came along, the Spaniards weren't interested in scoring. They just wanted to keep us out and take us to penalties.

We were much fitter than them. Towards the end, they just didn't seem to have it in them any more.

As we expected, Real Madrid were very physical and I thought our lads did tremendously well to stay calm. They tried to bait us. I was elbowed in the face and spat at by the same player.

But in the end we had the last laugh. When the final whistle went, the Cup was ours. It was a dream come true for me.

Unlike some of the other players, I didn't jump around and do silly things. I stood there and drank in the occasion and atmosphere.

After Willie Miller held the trophy aloft, it was time for the celebrations and congratulations. We got telegrams from both the Queen and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Now we've climbed that mountain, there's another peak to be reached on Saturday when we take on Rangers in the Scottish Cup Final.

And anyone who thinks we're going there just for the ride must be joking. There'll be 30,000 of our fans at Hampden and we'll be determined not to let them down.

Gordon Strachan

● Gordon Strachan was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



DONS

RIGHT: It's all over and jubilant Alex Ferguson is carried to the Aberdeen fans on the capable shoulders of big Doug Rougvie.
BELOW: The moment of glory that all Aberdeen — and Britain — had waited for. Victorious skipper Willie Miller holds the trophy aloft.
BOTTOM: The winner! Madrid 'keeper Agustin is lost as Aberdeen substitute John Hewitt glides home Mark McGhee's cross nine minutes from the end.



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Goals! An exclusive guide to when the two Wembley finalists are most likely to score . . .

GOAL POWER

The numbers running down the left hand column represent the minutes of a match. The second column pinpoints when Brighton have scored their goals this season and the third column spotlights when United have been on target - each dot representing a goal.

For instance, Manchester United have this season scored nine goals in the fifteen minute period before half time. (The chart does not include last Saturday's matches).

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45-60	●●●●●	●●●●●
60-75	●●●●●	●●●●●
75-90	●●●●●	●●●●●

BEWARE the first fifteen minutes following half-time at Wembley on Saturday - that's the warning to Brighton on the eve of the FA Cup Final.

Both finalists have proved to be more dangerous in front of goal in the second half . . . but Manchester United are deadly just after the break!

The 'Red Devils' have scored more than 20 goals between the 45th and 60th minutes in matches this season - many more than at any other time and four times as many as Brighton during the same period.

Two of Manchester United's FA Cup goals this season have been scored in that period - Frank Stapleton hitting one in the 55th minute against West Ham and Remi Moses scoring in the 46th minute against Luton.

But 'Seagulls' fans shouldn't despair if their team is behind with just fifteen minutes to go, because that's when the underdogs from the South Coast are most likely to hit the net.

Indeed Brighton have scored two Cup goals during that period - both courtesy of Michael Robinson - the first in the 4-0 drubbing of Manchester City and the second proving to be the Semi-Final

winner against Sheffield Wednesday.

And Brighton are more likely to score the first goal of the game!

We've searched back to the start of the season to produce an exclusive goal power chart - showing you at-a-glance just when each team is most dangerous in front of goal.

And it makes for a fascinating study as you can see.

If the pattern is followed on Saturday there's every chance the two teams will go in level at half time.

Brighton are the faster starters and may well go a goal up inside 15 minutes but United are worth an equaliser on past form.

The second half promises a goal glut . . . with a frantic final fifteen minutes.

Straight after half-time it could be United's turn to go ahead and it will be no surprise if the score is 3-1 to the 'Red Devils' with 15 minutes to go.

On past form both teams are likely to score as full-time approaches.

It should all make for thrilling stuff as the balance shifts first one way and then the other.

But all signs point to a United victory . . . 3-2!

STAR VIEW

No. 3 RAY WILKINS v JIMMY CASE

'STAR VIEW' takes on an FA Cup Final flavour this week with a fascinating analysis of two Wembley opponents.

And the verdict comes from Stoke's Mike Thomas — a man well qualified to air his views having both played alongside and against our two chosen stars.

Don't miss Star View every week in 'Match' — it's the series that's got everyone talking.

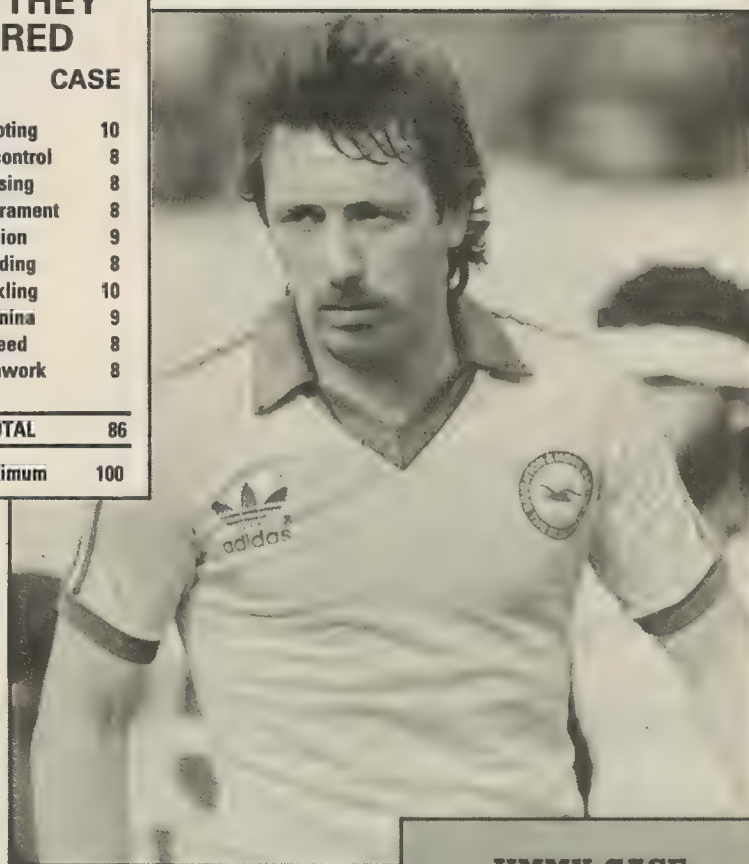
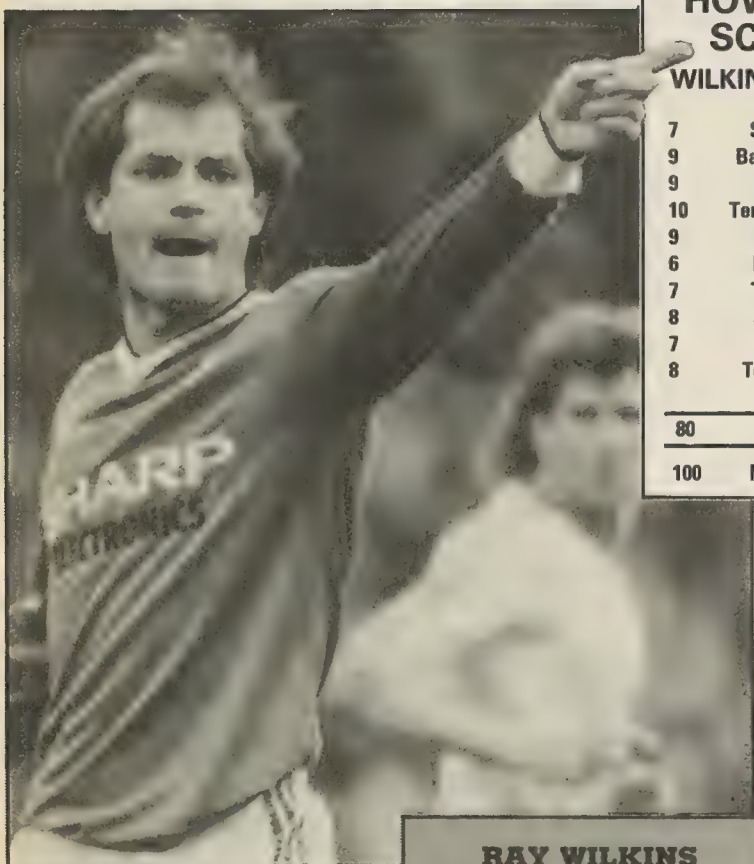
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WILKINS CASE

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9	Ball control	8
9	Passing	8
10	Temperament	8
9	Vision	9
6	Heading	8
7	Tackling	10
8	Stamina	9
7	Speed	8
8	Teamwork	8

80 TOTAL 86

100 Maximum 100



RAY WILKINS

Born: Hillingdon
Age: 26
Signed: Chelsea, October 1973
League appearances: 179
League goals: 30
Transferred: Manchester United, August 1979, £825,000
League appearances: 116
League goals: 4
International honours: England schoolboys, youth, under 23 and senior caps

worry about it — it's nothing!

Of the two it's Jimmy who is probably the most likely to find the net on the day. If anyone can produce a goal out of the blue, it's him.

He scored a brilliant goal against Sheffield Wednesday in the Semi-Finals and of course he hit the winners against both Liverpool and Norwich along the way.

Their career records show that Ray has in fact scored more League goals than Jimmy, but the Brighton man's recent form is better. He deserves full marks for his shooting ability.

His United counterpart just has the edge in ball control and passing ability.

Ray's a great touch player and an accurate passer. Some people claim he's always playing the square ball but he can find the forward openings when the chance presents itself... with either foot.

The former Chelsea player's temperament can't be faulted. He was a well-liked and respected captain, he loves the game and he's one of the nicest blokes you could wish to meet in football. He's always looking for the ball even when things are not going as well as they might.

Jimmy's a more aggressive player. He puts himself about and gets stuck in and he gets full marks for tackling which is arguably the weakest part of Ray's game... heading aside.

Both Jimmy and his midfield partner

JIMMY CASE

Born: Liverpool
Age: 27
Signed: Liverpool, May 1973
League appearances: 186
League goals: 23
Transferred: Brighton August 1981, £350,000
League appearances: 67
League goals: 6
International honours: England Under 23 caps

Tony Grealish are players that like to get involved and that's where Brighton are going to try to win it.

You may see Jimmy try to upset Ray's game with a couple of strong, early tackles on Saturday.

The former Liverpool man has bags of stamina too. He's superfit and deceptively fast.

Overall, I give him the edge. He doesn't have any obvious weaknesses and I regard him a very underrated player.

I fancy he'll be Brighton's key player at Wembley — spurred on by the fact that he's yet to add an FA Cup winners' medal to his collection.

Brighton as a team will be even more determined to win because they face Second Division football next season and, as I always go for the underdogs on these occasions, I'm predicting South Coast celebrations. 9



*says
Mike
Thomas*

6 JIMMY CASE is a knockout. I know from painful, personal experience...

One of his thunderbolts hit me once and for ten minutes I didn't know what day it was!

But while it's the accuracy and power of his shooting for which he is most acclaimed, there's much more to Jimmy's game.

He's very strong in the tackle, tremendously fit and he reads a game very well.

At Wembley on Saturday he could mean the difference between defeat and victory for Brighton.

If he's on song, he could swing it for the 'Seagulls'.

Against Manchester United, however, Jimmy will be up against stiff midfield opposition.

Everyone knows about the all-round ability of United skipper Bryan Robson but there's another great player to consider — Ray Wilkins.

I've felt sorry for Ray since he was put

out of the game through injury because he's had to endure his fair share of criticism.

I don't believe it's justified. A player doesn't suddenly become bad overnight.

To his credit, Ray has been man enough to take the stick and battle back and that's not easy at a place like Old Trafford where the pressures and demands on the players are probably greater than at any other club.

As for his footballing ability, I'd much rather play alongside him than against him!

Both Jimmy and Ray are vastly experienced and neither will be worried by the big occasion on Saturday. Jimmy has seen it all before with Liverpool and Ray has played at Wembley a number of times for England.

They can provide calming influences on the less experienced players and I can imagine Jimmy now saying — 'Don't

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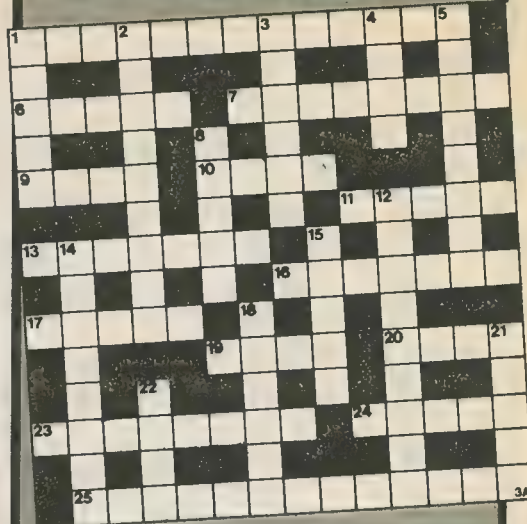
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7. The typical price of a match programme ten seasons ago, say (8)
9. Teams change them at half-time (4)
10. — Forbes, famous old Sheffield United, Arsenal and Scotland half-back (4)
11. — Moore has made over 250 appearances for Grimsby (5)
13. Peter Withe is a typical one (7)
16. The old League club Wigan — quit in the middle of the season (7)
17. You might say "Well —!" to a goalkeeper (5)
19. Promoted club (4)
20. Chesterfield have just suffered it! (4)
23. Club which beat Lincoln in the final of the Football League Trophy in April (8)
24. It summarises the season's match statistics for one division (5)
25. Promotion-winning manager (6,7)

DOWN

1. Gordon —, manager (5)
2. It lets you into the ground (9)
3. Club which conceded seven goals at home to Brentford in April (6)
4. This striker (serving 25 across) almost gets seven backwards (4)
5. Trying to relieve an opponent of the ball (8)
8. Midfielder who switched from Southampton to Manchester City in the 1982 close season (5)
12. The home of Blackburn Rovers (5,4)
14. Obviously not a winning position (8)
15. There's an old soccer saying: "It's — that count!" (5)
18. "All mud" (anagram) — that's Steve of Sheffield United, Carlisle and Chester (6)
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22. Former Celtic and Scotland favourite Jimmy Johnstone was nicknamed "The Flying —" (4)

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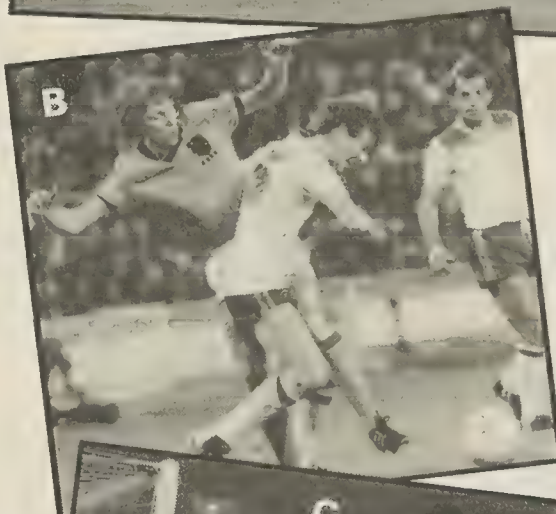
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PICTURE A: Here's a goal from the 1982 League Cup Final (1) Name the two teams, (2) the goal-scorer, and (3) the final score.



PICTURE B: Here's action from an England friendly at Wembley just before last year's World Cup Finals. Name (1) England's opponents, (2) the final score, and (3) the two players in the foreground.



PICTURE C: Action from England's 1-1 draw with Northern Ireland at Wembley in 1980. Can you name (1) the two Northern Ireland players facing the camera and (2) the England number nine who changed colours on Merseyside this season?

ENTRY FORM

Picture A: 1

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Picture B: 1

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Picture C: 1

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CUP TEASER

HERE'S a teaser to test your memory of this season's FA Cup competition.

- 1 Who scored Manchester United's winner against Everton in the Sixth Round?
- 2 Which non-League team drew at Middlesbrough in the Third Round?
- 3 Pritchard and Rowland scored hat-tricks for the same team in the Third Round. Which team?
- 4 Who put out last year's beaten finalists in the Third Round?

- 5 Name the last Third or Fourth Division team left in the competition.
- 6 Who knocked out Cup holders Tottenham in the Fifth Round?
- 7 Who scored Norwich's Fifth Round winner against Ipswich?
- 8 Only two Second Division teams remained at the Sixth Round stage, one was Sheffield Wednesday, what was the other?
- 9 Who scored Sheffield Wednesday's goal in the Semi-Finals?
- 10 Who put Arsenal in front in their Semi-Final against Man. United?

SOLUTIONS

FA CUP QUIZ: 1. Frank Stapleton; 2. Bishop's Cleeve; 3. Swindon; 4. West Brom; 5. Torquay; 6. Everton; 7. Keith Bertschin; 8. Burnley; 9. Mitrocevic; 10. Tony Woodcock.
SOCIETYWORD: Across: 1. Martyn Bennett; 6. Larry; 7. Kempence; 9. ends; 10. Alex; 11. Kevin; 13. striker; 16. Borough; 17. saved; 19. Hull; 20. drop; 23. Millwall; 24. table; 25. Graham Hawkins (Wolves). Down: 1. Milne; 2. turnstile; 3. Exeter; 4. Eves; 5. tackling; 8. Baker; 12. Ewood Park; 14. trailing; 15. goals; 18. Ludlam; 21. press; 22. Flea.

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'MATCH' spotlights the Molineux magic that has earned Wolves an immediate return to Division One.

Wanderers find the way back



A FEW months ago, Wolves skipper Geoff Palmer feared he would be leading his side to the dole office.

But following one of the most dramatic rises from the ashes in recent times, he'll be leading them out in the First Division next season instead.

It's little wonder that long-serving Geoff is both proud and shocked at the club's success this season — his first as skipper.

"I'm very proud to have taken the side back into the First Division at the first attempt, and I'm proud for everyone connected with the club, from Derek Dougan right down to the groundsman," he says.

"I'm also proud for the fans. A lot of things have happened since last year, but they have stood by us all the way."

Promotion was finally clinched with the 3-3 draw at Charlton on May Day... an ironically poignant day on the calendar more in tune with the situation Wolves faced last summer.

The famous old club was involved in a 'May Day' type call to save them from extinction and that was when former player Derek Dougan stepped in with a last-second rescue act.

As Geoff recalls: "I honestly thought I would be out of a job this season and heading for the dole. It was as close as that when 'Doog' stepped in."

"The players closed ranks and vowed to make sure we would do our bit while 'Doog' and his colleagues got on with theirs. Fortunately, we complemented each other, culminating in an immediate return to the First Division."

"But nobody could have dreamed after that opening day win over Blackburn that we

Left: Geoff Palmer — so proud that Wolves have won promotion.

WOLVES' ROUTE TO PROMOTION

Date	Opponents		Scorers	Att
Aug. 28	Blackburn (h)	2-1	Eves 2	15,605
Aug. 31	Chelsea (a)	0-0		14,192
Sept. 4	Leeds (a)	0-0		16,462
Sept. 7	Charlton (h)	5-0	Eves, Gray, Palmer, Clarke, Matthews	13,063
Sept. 11	Barnsley (h)	2-0	Eves, Humphrey	15,065
Sept. 18	Bolton (a)	1-0	Livingstone	9,264
Sept. 25	Rotherham (h)	2-0	Clarke, Humphrey	16,377
Oct. 2	Carlisle (a)	2-0	Smith, Livingstone	7,723
Oct. 9	Sheff. Wed. (a)	0-0		21,519
Oct. 16	Leicester (h)	0-3		15,782
Oct. 30	Derby (h)	2-1	Palmer (pen), Gray	13,804
Nov. 2	Cambridge (a)	1-2	Eves	4,571
Nov. 6	Grimsby (h)	3-0	Gray, Eves, Clarke	12,701
Nov. 13	Oldham (a)	1-4	Hibbitt	7,962
Nov. 20	Fulham (h)	2-4	Clarke, Gray	14,448
Nov. 27	C. Palace (a)	4-3	Clarke, Gray, Matthews 2	10,225
Dec. 4	Middlesbrough (h)	4-0	Eves 2, Cartwright, Dodd	11,856
Dec. 11	Newcastle (a)	1-1	Eves	19,485
Dec. 18	Q.P.R. (h)	4-0	Dodd, Clarke, Palmer (pen), Humphrey	15,423
Dec. 27	Shrewsbury (a)	2-0	Clarke 2	13,336
Dec. 28	Burnley (h)	2-0	Eves, Gray	21,961
Jan. 1	Fulham (a)	3-1	Pender, Clarke, Eves	17,196
Jan. 3	Leeds (h)	3-0	Clarke, Gray, Eves	22,567
Jan. 15	Blackburn (a)	2-2	Matthews, Dodd	7,401
Jan. 22	Chelsea (h)	2-1	Clarke, Eves	19,533
Feb. 5	Barnsley (a)	1-2	Smith	13,535
Feb. 12	Carlisle (h)	2-1	Eves, Livingstone	13,171
Feb. 26	Leicester (a)	0-5		13,530
Mar. 1	Sheff. Wed (h)	1-0	Clarke (pen)	16,656
Mar. 5	Cambridge (h)	1-1	Eves	13,204
Mar. 12	Derby (a)	1-1	Kellock	17,644
Mar. 19	Grimsby (a)	1-1	Eves	7,600
Mar. 26	Oldham (h)	0-0		12,940
Apr. 2	Burnley (a)	1-0	Palmer	9,593
Apr. 4	Shrewsbury (h)	2-2	Palmer (pen), Eves	17,509
Apr. 9	Rotherham (a)	1-1	Hibbitt	7,286
Apr. 16	Bolton (h)	0-0		12,723
Apr. 23	Middlesbrough (a)	0-0		10,315
Apr. 30	C. Palace (h)	1-0	Gray	12,523
May. 2	Charlton (a)	3-3	Kellock 2, Eves	7,935

● Wolves scores first in each case.

would be heading back to the First Division at the end of the season.

"With a lot of youngsters in the side, we all thought we would do well to finish in the top ten."

"After going through the first nine games unbeaten, confidence soared, but it was only after our home win over Leeds on January 3 that I felt confident about our chances because then we had opened up a big gap over the fourth-placed team."

"Our form dropped off during the past two months. We failed to do the positive things, but I think that was down in some way to the tension."

"To be promoted is virtually unbelievable and a lot of credit must go to manager Graham Hawkins and coach Jim Barron who have worked very hard."

It's the second time during his 12 years at Molineux that Geoff has been involved in a promotion-winning team.

He was in the side that won the Second Division Championship six years ago, but feels that this season's success has given him more satisfaction.

"When we bounced back up in 1977, it was with virtually the same side that had been relegated the previous season," he says.

"But it's given me more pleasure this time being captain of a team that has contained a lot of youngsters."

"All the lads that came in did a tremendous job, notably defenders John Humphrey and

John Pender and midfielder player Mick Matthews, who established themselves as regulars.

"They came into the side when the club was going through a torrid time. But they did exceptionally well, showing tremendous potential for the future. It's a real feather in their caps that they have played a leading role in our success this season."

But Geoff points to the signings of experienced players John Burridge and Alan Dodd as probably providing the keys to the promotion door.

"They occupied key positions in the team, and their experience was just what the younger players required."

"It was unfortunate when goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw met with a serious back injury, but John proved the ideal replacement."

"I had played with Alan Dodd in the England Under-23 team but I didn't really appreciate his ability until this season."

The big question is whether Wolves can stay in the top flight.

Geoff believes they can: "I look at the way Watford have set the First Division alight and wonder whether we could do the same, but you must have total belief in your ability and, while I'm not saying that we will achieve what Watford achieved this season, I feel we'll certainly hold our own."

"I'm sure all of us at Molineux would be more than happy with a mid-table position next season."



HOW WE GOT THERE

by Arthur Albiston



Manchester United are on their way to Wembley for the second time this season and Scottish full-back Arthur Albiston gives you a fascinating insight into 'The Reds' march towards the famous twin towers.

THIRD ROUND . . . MAN. UTD 2 (Coppell, Stapleton) WEST HAM 0

"An attractive tie . . . and what an attractive goal by Frank Stapleton. It was the best of our Cup campaign. We were already one up thanks to Steve Coppell when the Eire international weaved a special piece of magic. He brought the Old Trafford fans to their feet with a super left foot shot from an incredibly acute angle."

Frank Stapleton makes it 2-0 against West Ham with a great goal.



Left: Defeated Luton manager David Pleat.

Below: Lou Macari, Arnold Muhren and Frank Stapleton celebrate.

FOURTH ROUND . . . LUTON 0 MAN. UTD 2 (Moses, Moran)

"We were really keyed up for this one following comments by their manager David Pleat. After our League game at Kenilworth Road he taunted Bryan Robson and Frank Stapleton when he dubbed them 'so-called' superstars. We replied in the best possible way."



Norman Whiteside scores United's winner against Derby.

FIFTH ROUND . . . DERBY 0 MAN. UTD 1 (Whiteside)

"Our hardest game so far and to be honest we'd have been happy with a draw. However Norman Whiteside did the business with just five minutes remaining . . . much to our relief and the frustration of the Derby bank manager!"

Norman Whiteside receives the congratulations of skipper Bryan Robson after clinching United's Final place.



SIXTH ROUND . . . MAN. UTD 1 (Stapleton) EVERTON 0

"The game we deserved to lose. Everton had so many clear-cut chances it was unbelievable and their goalkeeper Jim Arnold was incredible. I really thought we were going to go out of the competition. But little Lou Macari replaced Mike Duxbury with less than a minute to go and he set up Frank Stapleton to score the winner."

SEMI-FINAL . . . ARSENAL 1 (Woodcock) MAN. UTD 2 (Robson, Whiteside)

"Kevin Moran won't forget this game in a hurry. After going off to have stitches put in a head wound they were re-opened when the rest of the lads chucked coach Mick Brown into the bath. Mick landed on myself and Kevin. Even though they went ahead we never thought we'd lose . . . and we were right thanks to Bryan Robson and Norman Whiteside."

VAN DER ELST PUTS HIS FAMILY FIRST

Francois Van der Elst
— most difficult
decision of his life.

FRANCOIS Van der Elst is "going home" following a tug-of-love between his family and his football.

The Belgian international is set to leave West Ham with a year of his contract still to run and he admitted to 'Match': "It has been the most difficult decision of my life but, after days of deliberation, I realise that my family comes first."

"I would have been happy to have stayed with West Ham for the rest of my career and, but for my children, Kevin (5) and Doreen (3), that might have been the case."

"But I want them to have their schooling in Belgium and, on top of that, my wife Gratiene, whilst happy enough in England, is missing her family and friends."

"I wouldn't have considered leaving West Ham for any other country."

"There was no chance I would go to somewhere like Spain, Italy or West Germany but I have always said that I would return to Belgium at some stage."

Two clubs — Bruges and Lokeren — are reported to be involved in a race for 28-year-old Francois' signature.

But wherever his future lays, he will never forget how much West Ham have helped his career.

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Since arriving in London from New York Cosmos in the middle of last season, Francois is back in favour with the international selectors and now looks destined to play a vital role for his country in the Finals of the European Championship in France next year.

Belgium need just one more point to qualify and their next match is against Scotland at Hampden Park in October.

Says Francois: "West Ham gave me the chance to play in Europe again and I will always be grateful to the club for that."

"It is thanks to West Ham that I am back in my national team and, on that score, I believe we now have one of the strongest teams in Europe."

"Most of the Belgian squad have been together for four years now and everyone is fighting for each other."

"Playing for West Ham has certainly improved my own game. Everyone at Upton Park has been great to me and I have been very happy."

"I had some problems settling down when I first signed but I've been satisfied with the way things have gone since then and especially pleased with my form since the New Year."

"The highlights for me would have to be when I scored my first goal for the club against Stoke City and the hat-trick I scored against Notts County."

"It wasn't the first time I had scored three goals in a game but that one gave me special pleasure."

"West Ham have formed an excellent team with players of the calibre of Alan Devonshire and Billy Bonds and good youngsters like Alan Dickens and Tony Cottee."

"They must be among the five best teams in the country."

"One big disappointment this year of course has been the absence of Trevor Brooking through injury."

"But he returned to the side for the game against Arsenal last week and hopefully next season he will be free to show the First Division his tremendous skills once more."

The West Ham fans certainly haven't been disappointed by the skills of Francois himself... and he in turn is full of praise for the English game.

The best

"I said when I came over here that I felt the English and German leagues were the best in the world and I stick by that now."

"I can only tell people the good things about the football — there are no bad things to say."

"My advice to other players would certainly be to take the chance of playing in England... and stay for longer than me!"

"For my own part, it's impossible to say whether I would ever leave Belgium to come back to England. "If I did, I would certainly phone West Ham first!"

PEN PALS . . . PEN PALS . . . PEN PALS . . .

I AM 17 years old and support Liverpool. My favourite players are Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush. I would like to hear from any male Liverpool supporter aged between 16 and 20.

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I AM a 17-year-old Blackpool and Leeds fan and would like a pen pal of the same age who goes to Elland Road regularly.

Gary Coleman, 10 Devonshire Road, Blackpool, Lancashire.

ASTON Villa, Ipswich and Glasgow Rangers are my favourite teams. I am 17 years old and would like a pen pal of a similar age from England, Scotland or West Germany.

Jane Nolan, 24 Coventry Road, Elizabeth Field, South Australia.

I AM a 16-year-old Everton fan and would like to correspond with someone of the same age who also supports Everton and goes to some of their home matches.

Jonathan Ursell, 29 Springfield Close, The Reddings, Cheltenham, Gloucester.

I AM 15 years old and support Spurs. My favourite player is Glenn Hoddle and I would like to write to a male or female pen pal from anywhere in the world.

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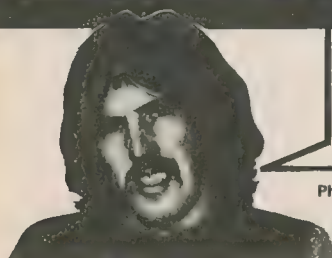
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UHL 023	Y,S,M,L	£10.95	£12.45
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SUKAN/REUSCH 124	Y,S,M,L	£12.95	£14.95
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UHL 025	S,M,L	£13.50	UNAVAILABLE
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SUKAN/REUSCH 122	Y,S,M,L	£14.45	£16.45
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UHL 036	S,M,L	£15.95	£16.95
UHL 037	Y,S,M,L	£15.95	£16.95
SONDICO CLEMENCE PRO (Red)	Y,S,M,L	£15.99	£18.99
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UMBRO ROUGH EXCLUSIVE	Y,S,M,L	£17.50	UNAVAILABLE
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BRIGHTON

FA CUP ROUNDS	v NEWCASTLE (H) 1-1 (Ritchie) Att: 17,711	v NEWCASTLE (A) 1-0 (Ward) Att: 32,134	v MAN. CITY (H) 4-0 (Robinson 2, Case, Smillie) Att: 18,804	v LIVERPOOL (A) 2-1 (Ryan, Case) Att: 44,888	v NORWICH (H) 1-0 (Case) Att: 28,800	v SHEFF. WED 2-1 (Robinson, Case) Att: 34,627 (at Highbury)	Average
Moseley	6	7	6	7	8		6.80
Ramsey	7	6	7	7	8		7.00
Pearce	7	7			8		7.33
Grealish	8	7	8	8	7		7.50
Foster	7		8	6	9*		7.60
Stevens	7	6	8	7	7		7.00
Case	6	8*	9*	7	8		7.66
Ward	6	7		7			6.66
Robinson	6	7	8	9*	7		7.33
Ritchie	7	7	8		7		7.25
Stille	9*	6					7.50
Garling		6	8	7	7		7.00
Smillie		7(s)	7	8	7		7.60
Smith			7		7		7.00
Digweed				7			7.00
Ryan				7	7		7.00
Howlett					8		8.00

Leading scorers in FA Cup: Case 4,
Robinson 3
Total attendances: 194,944 (Av: 32,490)
Goals for: 11
Against: 3
Top player: Jimmy Case (2 star awards)
7.66
(● Three games to qualify)

Squad rating **7.24**

MAN UTD

FA CUP ROUNDS	v WEST HAM (H) 2-0 (Coppell, Stapleton) Att: 44,142	v LUTON (A) 2-0 (Moses, Moran) Att: 20,516	v DERBY (A) 1-0 (Whiteside) Att: 33,022	v EVERTON (H) 1-0 (Stapleton) Att: 38,192	v ARSENAL 2-1 (Robson, Whiteside) Att: 46,538 (at Villa Park)	Average
Bailey	6	8	6	6	6	6.40
Duxbury	7	8	7	6	7	7.00
Albiston	6	8	7	8*	7	7.20
Moses	6	8	7	7	8*	7.20
Moran	6	7	7	6	7	6.60
McQueen	6	8	7	7	7	7.00
Robson	7	9*	8*		7	7.75
Muhren	7	7	7	6		6.75
Stapleton	7	8	7	7	6	7.00
Whiteside	7	8	7	6	7	7.00
Coppell	8*	8	7	7		7.50
Wilkins				6	6	6.00
Grimes				7	7	7.00

Leading scorers in FA Cup: Whiteside,
Stapleton, 2 each.
Total attendances: 202,408 (Av: 40,481)
Goals for: 8
Against: 1
Top player: Bryan Robson (2 star awards)
7.75
* Team man of the match

Squad rating **6.95**

Brighton v Man Utd

6.80	Moseley	Bailey	6.40
7.00	Ramsey	Duxbury	7.00
7.00	Stevens	Moran	6.60
7.00	Garling	McQueen	7.00
7.33	Pearce	Albiston	7.20
7.50	Grealish	Wilkins	6.00
7.66	Case	Robson	7.75
7.00	Smith	Muhren	6.75
7.60	Smillie	Cunningham	—
7.33	Robinson	Stapleton	7.00
8.00	Howlett	Whiteside	7.00

80.22 Total
7.29 Average

Total
Average 68.70
6.87

IT'S claimed that Brighton's name is already written on the FA Cup.

Well, our exclusive Cup form guide provides substantial evidence to support the theory that Brighton will produce one of the biggest Wembley upsets in years.

Our tables pointed the way to both Tottenham's Cup successes in the past two years, and this time ratings clearly indicate that Brighton will keep the trophy in the south.

With injuries and suspensions dictating the hands of both managers, it's been virtually impossible to decide on the eventual Wembley line-ups, but we have come up with provisional teams, and they may not be too far off the mark.

But, whatever the selections, Brighton will have a decided advantage in every department judging by their form in the competition — form that has

belied their desperate First Division season.

Skipper Bryan Robson appears to be United's key figure in their bid not to return home empty handed from Wembley for the second time in two months.

But midfield partners Arnie Muhren and Ray Wilkins have not shown impressive form in the Cup, whereas Jimmy Case, who was on the losing Liverpool side at Wembley six years ago, and Tony Grealish have been outstanding for Brighton.

Up front for Brighton, much will depend on Eire international Mike Robinson who is expected to have two inexperienced players in Neil Smillie and Gary Howlett alongside him.

The two tables above show how we arrived at our average ratings — giving you each individual mark awarded to the players on the road to Wembley.



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BACK ROW (left to right): Kieran O'Reagan, Giles Stille, Graham Moseley, Chris Ramsey, Perry Digweed, Gary Stevens, Sammy Nelson.
MIDDLE ROW: Glenn Wilson (kitman), Gordon Smith, Steve Gattling, George Altken (assistant manager), Graham Pearce, Gary Howlett, Mike Yaxley (physio).
FRONT ROW: Gerry Ryan, Neil Smillie, Mike Robinson, Jimmy Melia (manager), Steve Foster, Tony Grealish, Jimmy Case.



BRIGHTON

BEING an avid Brighton fan since the age of seven, I think it is disgraceful that the two teams in this year's FA Cup Final should receive only 25,000 tickets each.

I feel especially sorry for Manchester United supporters. Old Trafford attendances are in the region of 44,000 so many of their fans will not be going to Wembley.

And for Brighton supporters, who may never get the opportunity to see their team in a major cup final again, it must be galling to watch tickets that they should receive going to non-supporters who could easily watch the match on TV.

Glenn Barden (13), Brighton, Sussex.

● QUITE RIGHT. Fans that have forked out to watch their teams throughout the competition should have the opportunity to go to the Final. And that means a bigger allocation of tickets for the Cup Final teams.

WELL done Paolo Rossi! It was great to read in 'Match' that the Italian ace had paid a £25,000 bill so that one of his fans — a Yugoslav — could undergo a delicate heart operation.

'Match' is to be congratulated as well. So many magazines and newspapers tend to over-state the bad aspects of the game. 'Match' is the only magazine I know that tries to reflect the brighter side of football and the good things about the game.

Andrew Phillips (13), Lymington, Hants.

SURELY the fairy-tale chapter of fame and fortune that Norman Whiteside has written over the past twelve months must filter through to the record books.

Since his debut for Manchester United as a 16-year-old, Norman has progressed rapidly and achieved the kind of recognition and success that many players fail to attain in their whole careers.

Norman's rise to fame began last summer when he competed for Northern Ireland in the World Cup Finals — beating Pele's record as the youngest player ever to take part in the Finals — and playing a leading role in Northern Ireland's success story.

This season, he has established himself as Frank Stapleton's permanent striking partner at United and has steadily grown in stature under Stapleton's steady influence. Norman scored a great goal in the Milk Cup Final and produced an equally brilliant strike to beat Arsenal in the FA Cup Semi-Final.

I wonder what this gifted Irishman has in store for us in the Cup Final?

Richard Fletcher (16), Colchester, Essex.

CONGRATULATIONS are due to Manchester United's young defender Mike Duxbury, who has deputised so well for injured John Gidman that he has won a call-up to the full England squad.

Mike has been most consistent and effective. Now I'm wondering how long it will be before Jock Stein follows suit and gives Arthur Albiston the Scottish call-up he richly deserves.

Simon Ward, Ansty, Leicester.

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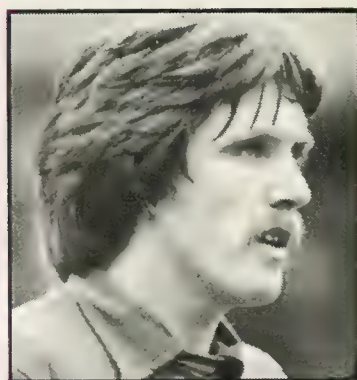
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Phil Parkes — what a marvellous signing he has proved to be, says Margaret Wilson.

I AM physically handicapped yet I have seen every League match Phil Parkes has played for West Ham, home and away.

I think Phil was a marvellous signing by the 'Hammers'. He is a fabulous goalkeeper and a true gentleman.

Margaret Wilson, Leighton Road, London.

BRIAN Miller, who was manager of Burnley at the time, said in 'Match' last year that QPR would miss out on promotion because the artificial pitch at Loftus Road would handicap Rangers' style. How wrong he was!

I personally believe that Rangers' artificial surface has made the players more skilful. The pitch demands accurate, first-time passes and a high level of ball control.

If this surface was adopted by a few more clubs, then the skill levels of British players would definitely improve. This could combat falling attendances.

If QPR revert to grass now that they have won back their place in the First Division, I think it would be a backward step in the campaign to improve British football.

Ian Postlewaite, Leigh, Lancashire.

MY classroom poll to find the schoolkids' favourite player produced this result:

1 Steve Moran — 10 votes.

2 Peter Shilton, Danny Wallace — 4 votes.

4 Kevin Keegan — 2 votes.

5 Mark Wright, Steve Williams, Alan Biley, Glenn Hoddle, Kenny Dalglish — 1 vote.

J. Phillipson (13), Sholing, Southampton.

● YOUR class wouldn't be biased towards Southampton players, would it?

'MATCH' recently featured Brighton's Gordon Smith, who will play in cup finals in England and Scotland this season following his appearance for Rangers in the Scottish League Cup Final in December.

Several players were mentioned who have played in cup finals both sides of the border, but there was no reference to Jimmy Delaney, that great little winger for Manchester United. No other player has approached his record of cup finals in Scotland, England and Ireland.

P. Dixon, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

● DELANEY'S Scottish cup exploits were in pre-war years. Our table referred to post-war players.

OVER the past few weeks, I've noticed that Arsenal and Northern Ireland 'keeper Pat Jennings has been getting several mentions in 'Match'.

Pat notched up his 1000th League appearance and is soon to win his 100th cap for Northern Ireland.

Kevin Carr says of Pat: "He's a model of consistency". In Terrace Talk, David Pett said: "He's a shining example". And Simon Stainrod said: "Pat's the best in the world".

How right they are!
Martin Irwin, Dundonald, Belfast, Northern Ireland.



Frank Stapleton — just looking for excuses, says Manwel Debattista.

I HONESTLY believe that Frank Stapleton was only looking for excuses when he blamed the pitch for Eire's poor showing in the European Championship qualifying match in Malta.

Frank called the pitch 'a cabbage patch', but it was not as bad as that. Only a couple of weeks ago, FIFA president Dr Joao Havelange praised the stadium and said it was 'a jewel' for Malta.

Anyway, professional players should be able to perform on any surface.

The real reason for Eire's scrappy 1-0 win was the fact that they found Malta stronger opposition than they expected. I should know — I saw the match. Manwel Debattista, Mriehel, Malta.

SHAMEFUL, ARSENAL

£10 WINNER

IT WAS nice to read Malcolm Alison's comments on Vladimir Petrovic in 'Match Chat' last month.

It's a great pity that the Arsenal management doesn't seem to rate the gifted Yugoslav as highly as the Middlesbrough boss does.

Instead of persevering and encouraging Petrovic, Arsenal's treatment of him has been shameful... playing him one week, dropping him the next.

Can't Arsenal fit him into their rather ordinary side, which is packed with runners and tacklers? Petrovic is an extremely gifted passer of the ball with an acute eye for openings. He is an artist, something Arsenal fans have been starved of since the departure of Liam Brady.

There's talk on the Highbury terraces that Terry Neill and Don Howe competed in the London marathon with the sole aim of signing more 'runners' for the 'Gunners'. Arsenal fans demand more skill... of the Petrovic variety. David Corne, Hackney, London.

MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

Sunday, May 8

Division Three

BRADFORD (2) 2 (Cavener 6, 44)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0
 Att: 4,576
 Bradford: McManus 6, Podd 7, Chapman 7, Cavener 7, Fee 7, ★CHERRY 8, McCall 7, Cooke 7, Hill 6, Abbott 6, Ellis 6.
 Sheff Utd: Waugh 6, Henderson 7, Garner 6 (sub. Cooper 6), ★RICHARDSON 8, West 6, Houston 7, Morris 7, Trussion 6, Edwards 6, Charles 6, Brazil 6.
 Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
 Match Rating: ★★★

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Bremner 38)
BRENTFORD (0) 0
 Att: 9,097
 Millwall: Wells 7, Lovell 7, Stride 7, ★WHITE 9, Nutton 7, Cusack 7, Bremner 7, Neal 7, Stewart 8, Otulakowski 7, Madden 8.
 Brentford: Roche 7, ★BOOKER 8, Rowe 6, McNicol 7, Whitehead 6, Hurlock 7, Kamara 7, Joseph 7, Cassells 7, Harris 6 (sub. Walker), Roberts 6.
 Referee: A. Robinson (Waterlooville)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

SWINDON (1) 1 (Quinn 27)
NORTHAMPTON (2) 5 (Massey 7, 21, 75, Syrett 68, Jeffrey 70)
 Att: 3,386
 Swindon: Allan (sub. Quinn 6), ★BAILIE 8, Baddeley 6, Batty 7, Henry 6, Graham 6, Pritchard 6, Barnard 5, Riedout 7, Rowland 6, Hughes 6.
 Northampton: Gleasure 6, Tucker 6, Phillips 6, Saunders 7, Burrows 7, ★HEELEY 8, Jeffrey 6, Denyer 6, Syrett 7, Massey 6, Coffill 7.
 Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
 Match Rating: ★★

Monday, May 9

Division One

MANCHESTER UNITED (2) 3 (McGrath 35, 37, Stapleton 85)
LUTON (0) 0
 Att: 34,213
 Man Utd: Bailey 7, Duxbury 6, Grimes 6, McGrath 7, Moran 6, McQueen 7, Robson 7, Muhren 6, ★STAPLETON 8, Whiteside 6 (sub. McGarvey 6), Davies 6.
 Luton: Godden 6, Stephens 5, Money 6, Horton 6, Goodyear 5, Donaghy 5, Hill 7, Aylott 7, ★WALSH 8, Parker 5 (sub. Antic 6), Daniels 5.
 Referee: T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

PORT VALE (0) 0
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Cowling 58)
 Att: 6,212
 Port Vale: Siddall 6, Tarrt 5, Bromage 7, Hunter 6, Sproson 7, Cegielski 6, ★FOX 8, Steel 6, Newton 6, Ridley 6, Armstrong 6.
 Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Oates 7, Pointon 7, Boxall 7, Baines 7, Hunter 7, Graham 6, ★CAMMACK 9, Cowling 8, Lester 6, O'Berg 6 (sub. Keeley 6).
 Referee: D. Brazier (Northampton)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ST MIRREN (1) 2 (Logan 14, McDougall 89)
DUNDEE (0) 1 (Mackie 73)
 Att: 6,000
 St Mirren: Thomson 7, Wilson 6, Clarke 7, Fitzpatrick 7, Fulton 6, McCormack 6, Stark 7, McAvennie 6, McDougall 7.
 ★RICHARDSON 8, Logan 6.
 Dundee: Kelly 6, Glennie 7, McKinlay 6, Fraser 7, Smith 7, McKimmie 6, ★FERGUSON 8, McGeachie 6, Sinclair 5, Stevens 5, Kidd 6 (sub. Mackie).
 Referee: A. Heutt (Edinburgh)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

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 ★★★★★ Dull
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Tuesday, May 10

Division One

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Van der Elst 53)
ARSENAL (3) 3 (Petrovic 9, Whyte 22, McDermott 28)
 Att: 28,930
 West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 6, Lampard 5, Bonds 6, Martin 6, ★DEVONSHIRE 9, Van der Elst 7, Goddard 6, Swindiehurst 5, Brookling 7, Pike 7.
 Arsenal: Jennings 7, Kay 6, Sansom 8, Whyte 7, O'Leary 6, Nicholas 5, Talbot 5, Davis 7, ★PETROVIC 9, McDermott 8, Hill 7.
 Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Two

BURNLEY (2) 2 (Donovan 21, 33)
QPR (0) 1 (Sealy 59)
 Att: 7,191
 Burnley: O'Rourke 6, Dixon 7, ★DONACHIE 9, Phelan 7, Overson 6, Flynn 6, Young 6 (sub. McGee), Steven 8, Hamilton 6, Donovan 8, Scott 6.

QPR: Hacker 7, Neill 6, Dawes 6, Waddock 6, Hazell 5, Fenwick 6, Wicks 6, Sealy 7, ★STAINROD 8, Allen 6, Gregory 6.
 Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Hamilton 41, Otto, pen 50)
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
 Att: 10,014
 Middlesbrough: O'Hanlon 7, Nattrass 7, Hamilton 7, Baxter 7, Mowbray 8, Otto 8, Sugrue 6 (sub. ★WARD 9), Kennedy 7, Wood 7, MacDonald 7, Bell 8.
 Crystal Palace: ★FRY 8, Hinshelwood 5, Nebbeling 5, Hughton 5, Cannon 7, Gilbert 5, Langley 6, Mabbutt 6, Brown 5, Murphy 5, Hilaire 6.
 Referee: G. Peck (Kendal)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Three

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Aizlewood 3)
WALSALL (0) 0
 Att: 22,244
 Portsmouth: ★KNIGHT 8, Ellis 6, Sullivan 6, Doyle 7, Tait 7, Aizlewood 7, Webb 6, Dillon 6, Rafferty 7, Biley 6, Rogers 7.
 Walsall: Kearns, M 7, Caswell 7, Mower 6, Shakespeare 6, Hawker 7, Hart 7, Rees 6, ★PREECE 8, Summerfield 6, Buckley 7, O'Kelly 6.
 Referee: D. Axcell (Southend)
 Match Rating: ★★

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Russell 26)
WIGAN (1) 1 (Brown, og 44)
 Att: 11,093
 Huddersfield: Cox 6, Brown 6, Burke 7, Stanton 7, Stonehouse 6 (sub. Pugh 7), Hanvey 7, ★LILLIS 8, Doyle 7, Russell 7, Wilson 7, Cowling 7.
 Wigan: Tunks 7, Langley 7, Weston 7, Barrow 7, Walsh 6, Methven 7, ★BUTLER 8, Young 6, Lowe 6, O'Keefe 7, Houghton 7.
 Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Spoonier 11)
WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Fishenden 89)
 Att: 1,223
 Halifax: Smelt 7, ★NOBBS 8, Wood 7, Evans 7, Smith 7, Hendrie 7, Gallagher 6, Spoonier 7, Kendall 6, Ward 7, Staniforth 7.
 Wimbledon: ★BEASANT 8, Peters 6, Sparrow 6, Thomas 6, Morris 6, Hatter 6, Evans 6, Fishenden 7, Leslie 6, Downes 7, Gage 6 (sub. Hodges 7).
 Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

SCOTTISH First Division

DUNFERMLINE (0) 2 (McCarthy 59, Stewart 70)
FALKIRK (1) 2 (Houston 24, Mackin 52)
 Att: 947

Second Division

STRANRAER (0) 0
STIRLING ALBION (0) 1 (Torrance 73)
 Att: 622

Welsh Cup Final First Leg

WREXHAM (1) 1 (Dowman)
SWANSEA (1) 2 (Gale, Latchford)
 Att: 2,296

Wednesday, May 11

Division One

TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Roberts 57, Archibald 65)
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0
 Att: 32,803
 Spurs: Clemence 7, Lacy 8, O'Reilly 7, Roberts 7, Miller 7, Perryman 7, Mabbutt 7, Archibald 7, Galvin 7, ★HODDLE 9, Brazil 7.
 Man Utd: Bailey 7, Duxbury 7, ★ALBISTON 8, Moses 6, Moran 6, McGrath 6, Robson 7 (sub. McGarvey 6), Muhren 7, Stapleton 6, Whiteside 6, Grimes 7.
 Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

European Cup Winners' Cup Final

ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Black 6, Hewitt 111)
REAL MADRID (Spain) (1) 1 (Juanito, pen 14)
 After Extra Time
 Att: 17,804 (in Gothenburg)
 Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Rougvie 8, McMaster 8, Cooper 8, McLeish 7, ★MILLER 9, Strachan 8, Simpson 8, McGhee 7, Black 7 (sub. Hewitt), Weir 8.
 Real Madrid: ★AUGUSTIN 8, Juan Jose 6, Camacho 6 (sub. San Jose), Metgod 7, Bonnet 6, Gallego 7, Juanito 6, Angel 6, Santillana 6, Stielike 7, Isidoro 6 (sub. Salguero).
 Referee: G. Menegali (Italy)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Friday, May 13

Division Three

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (May 20)
OXFORD (1) 2 (Whatmore 44, Thomas 62)
 Att: 1,954
 Southend: Cavston 6, Pennyfather 6, Stead 7, Clark 5, ★MAY 8, Moody 7, Pountney 6, Phillips 6, Mercer 5, Walker 6, Nelson 7 (sub. Owers 5).
 Oxford: Hardwick 7, Fogg 7, Smithers 7 (sub. Jones 7), Train 7, Briggs 7, Shotton 7, ★LAWRENCE 8, Whatmore 7, Vinter 7, Hebbard 6, Thomas 7.
 Referee: M. J. Taylor (Deal)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Wignall 63)
TORQUAY (0) 0
 Att: 2,181
 Colchester: Chamberlain 6, Ward 6, Packer 5, Leslie 7, ★WIGNALL 8, McDonough 7, Allinson 7, Osborne 5, Bowen 6, Adcock 5, Hill 6 (sub. Groves).
 Torquay: Horn 6, Holmes 6, Doyle 7, James 6, ★LITTLE 8, Jones 6, Sheridan 6, Carter 5, Gallagher 5, Anderson 5, Bishop 5.
 Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
 Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (0) 0
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Wellings 84)
 Att: 2,152
 Crewe: Smith 6, ★BRADY 7, Bowers 5, Edwards 5, Scott 5, Hart 6, Haslegrave 5, Bancroft 5 (sub. Evans), Waller 6, Walker 5, Cliss 5.
 Tranmere: Endersby 6, Mathias 6, Burgess 6, Mungall 7, Leonard 6, Palios 5.
 ★FERGUSON 8, Williams 5 (sub. Aspinall 6), Powell 6, Wellings 7, Griffiths 6.
 Referee: G. Napthine (Loughborough)
 Match Rating: ★

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HALIFAX (1) 1 (Staniforth 17)
STOCKPORT (0) 0
 Att: 1,522
 Halifax: Smelt 7, Nobbs 7, ★WOOD 8, Evans 6, Smith 6, Hendrie 7, Gallagher 6, Spooner 6, Allatt 6, Ward 7 (sub. Goodman), Staniforth 7.
 Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 7, Thorpe 6, ★EMERSON 8, Sword 6, Bowles 6 (sub. Leigh 7), Smith 7, Wardrobe 6, Quinn 6, Phillips 6, Coyle 7.
 Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, May 14

Division One

ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Shaw 38, Gibson 55)
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Davis 69)
 Att: 24,647
 Aston Villa: Spink 6, Jones 6, Gibson 7, Evans 6, McNaught 6, Mortimer 6, Bremner 7, ★SHAW 8, Curbishley 5, Cowans 7, Morley 6 (sub. Geddis).
 Arsenal: Jennings 6, Devine 6, Sansom 6, Whyte 6, O'Leary 6, Nicholas 6, Talbot 6, Davis 6, ★McDERMOTT 7, Petrovic 6, Hill 6.
 Referee: N. Ashley (Cheshire)
 Match Rating: ★★

COVENTRY (0) 2 (Hendrie 55, Whitton 75)
WEST HAM (1) 4 (Goddard 8, Cottee 54, 88, Swindlehurst 60)
 Att: 10,919
 Coventry: Sealey 5, Thomas 7, Roberts 6, Hormantschuk 6, Butterworth 6, Gillespie 6, Whitton 6, Singleton 6, Hateley 7, ★HENDRIE 8, Hunt 7.
 West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 6, Lampard 6, Bonds 6, Orr 7, Devonshire 7, Van der Elst 7, Goddard 7, Swindlehurst 7, Allen 6, Pike 6 (sub. ★COTTEE 8).
 Referee: B. Newsome (Broseley)
 Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (0) 1 (Wark, og 81)
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Mariner 54)
 Att: 17,420
 Everton: Southall 6, Stevens 6, Bailey 7, Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 6, Richardson 7 (sub. Irvine 6), Ainscow 7, ★JOHNSON 8, Sharp 6, Heath 6, Sheedy 6.
 Ipswich: Cooper 6, Burley 6, Gernon 6, Putney 7, Osman 7, Butcher 6, Wark 7, McCall 6, Mariner 7, ★D'AVRAY 8, O'Callaghan 7.
 Referee: G. Courtney (Co. Durham)
 Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
LUTON (0) 1 (Antic 86)
 Att: 42,843
 Man City: ★WILLIAMS 7, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Reid 6, Bond 5, Caton 5, Tueart 6, Reeves 5, Baker 5, Hartford 6, Power 6.
 Luton: Godden 6, Stephens 6, Goodyear 6, Horton 7, Elliott 8, Donaghy 6, Hill 7, Aylott 6, ★WALSH 9, Turner 6 (sub. Antic), Stein 6.
 Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)
 Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (1) 2 (Channon 40, Deehan 73)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Smith 56)
 Att: 20,306
 Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Downs 7, O'Neill 6, Walford 7, Watson 7, Barham 7, ★CHANNON 8, Deehan 7, Bertschin 6, Bennett 7.

Brighton: Moseley 6, O'Reagan 6, Pearce 7, ★GREALISH 8, Stevens 7, Gating 7, Case 6, Howlett 6, Ryan 7, Smith 7 (sub. Roden), Smillie 6.
 Referee: A. Ward (London)
 Match Rating: ★★

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 3 (Harkouk 13, 88, McParland 90)
MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 2 (McGrath 33, Muhren 79)
 Att: 14,414
 Notts County: Avramovic 7, Hunt 6, Kilcline 7, Richards 7, Worthington 5, Benjamin 5, ★HARKOUK 8, Lahtinen 6, Chiedoie 6, Christie 6, McParland 7.
 Man Utd: Wealdens 6, Gidman 6, McGrath 6, Albiston 6, Duxbury 7, Wilkins 7, Muhren 6, ★MOSES 8, Stapleton 6, Whiteside 6, Davies 6.
 Referee: R. F. Lewis (Great Bookham)
 Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Harford 87)
 Att: 20,327
 Southampton: Shilton 7, Agboola 6, Mills 6, Williams 7, Nicholl 6, ★WRIGHT 8, Holmes 6, Puckett 5 (sub. Baird 6), Moran 6, Armstrong 7, Wallace 6.
 Birmingham: ★COTON 8, Hagan 6, Dennis 6, Stevenson 7, Blake 6, Phillips 6, Van den Hauwe 7, Handysides 6, Harford 6, Kuhl 6, Hopkins 7.
 Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
 Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Chisholm 53)
WEST BROM (1) 1 (Thompson 15)
 Att: 16,375
 Sunderland: Prudhoe 6, Elliott 6 (sub. Worthington 6), Munro 7, ★ATKINS 8, Chisholm 7, Hindmarch 7, Cooke 6, McCoist 6, West 6, James 6, Pickering 6.
 West Brom: Barron 6, Whitehead 7, ★STATHAM 8, Zondervan 7, Wile 7, Webb 6, Jol 7, Perry 6 (sub. Robson), Thompson 7, Owen 6, Cross 6.
 Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
 Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (0) 0
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (2) 3 (Wallace 12, 37, Anderson 64)
 Att: 9,226
 Swansea: ★SANDER 8, Lewis 6, Richards 5, Rajkovic 5, Stevenson 6, Irwin 6, Loveridge 6, Stanley 6, Gale 5, Kennedy 6, Pascoe 5 (sub. Lake 6).
 Nott'm Forest: Van Breukelen 7, Anderson 7, Swain 7, Gunn 7, Young 8, Bowyer 7, Hodge 7, ★WALLACE 9, Davenport 7 (sub. Woodley 7), Walsh 8, Robertson 6.
 Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
 Match Rating: ★★

TOTTENHAM (2) 4 (Brazil 4, Archibald 35, 46, 82)
STOKE (0) 1 (Maguire, pen 66)
 Att: 33,691
 Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, O'Reilly 7 (sub. Falco 6), Lacy 8, Miller 7, Perryman 7, Mabbutt 7, ★ARCHIBALD 9, Galvin 7, Huddle 8, Brazil 8.
 Stoke: Fox 7, Parkin, S 6, Hampton 6, Bracewell 7, Boul 6, McLaughtrie 6 (sub. Griffiths 7), Maguire 7, McIlroy 7, Chamberlain, N 7, ★THOMAS 8, Maskery 6.
 Referee: J. Borrett (Eye)
 Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (1) 2 (Patching 40, Blissett 49)
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Johnston 62)
 Att: 27,173
 Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Rostron 7, Patching 7, ★SIMS 8 (sub. Lohman 7), Franklin 7, Callaghan 6, Blissett 6, Barnes 7, Jackett 7, Sterling 6.
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 6, Kennedy 6, Lawrenson 6 (sub. Nicol 7), Thompson 7, Hansen 7, Dalglish 7, ★LEE 8, Hodgson 6, Johnston 7, Souness 7.
 Referee: A. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Garner 23)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0
 Att: 3,797
 Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 5, Rathbone 5, Randall 6, ★KEELEY 7, Fazackerley 6, Brotherton 5, Hamilton 5, Bell 4, Garner 5, Lowey 5.
 Shrewsbury: ★OGRIZOVIC 7, Williams 5, Johnson 5, Griffin 4 (sub. Nardiello 4), Pearson 5, Stevens 4, McNally 5, McLaren 4, Brown 5, Foster 5, Bates 5.
 Referee: M. Peck (Kendal)
 Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Sinton, pen 88)
OLDHAM (0) 4 (McDonough 68, 70, Wylde 72, Henry 74)
 Att: 3,948
 Cambridge: Webster 6, Fisher 6, Murray 6, ★TURNER 8, Fallon 6, O'Neill 6, Cartwright 6, Sinton 7, Reilly 6 (sub. Smith), Cooke 6, Christie 6.
 Oldham: Goram 7, Sinclair 6, Ryan 7, Hudson 6, Clements 6 (sub. Bowden), Hoolickin 6, Wylde 7, Atkinson 6, ★McDONOUGH 8, Henry 7, Palmer 6.
 Referee: T. G. Buns (Yattendon)
 Match Rating: ★★

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Robson, K 80)
BARNLEY (0) 1 (Glavin 62)
 Att: 5,898
 Carlisle: ★SWINBURNE 8, Haigh 7, McCartney 6, Coughlin 6, Rushbury 6, Houghton 7, Craig 6, Robson, B 6, Poskett 7, Bannion 6 (sub. Robson, K 7), Shoulder 7.
 Barnley: Horn 7, Joyce 6, Chambers 6, ★GLAVIN 8, Banks 7, McCarthy 6, Law 6, Ronson 7, Airey 6, Cunningham 7, Wilkes 6.
 Referee: D. Scott (Bury)
 Match Rating: ★★

CHARLTON (0) 4 (Hales 69, pen 71, Gritt 75, Harris 80)
BOLTON (0) 1 (Moores 61)
 Att: 8,720
 Charlton: Johns 8, Curtis 7, Dickenson 6, McAllister 6, McDonald 6, Berry 6, Smith 6 (sub. Gritt 6), Harris 8, ★HALES 9, White 8, Robinson 8.
 Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 7, Deakin 7, Gray 7, McElhinney 6, Doyle 6, Joyce 6 (sub. Foster 7), ★CHANDLER 8, Moores 7, Hoggan 6, Borrowers 6.
 Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
 Match Rating: ★★

CHELSEA (0) 0
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
 Att: 19,340
 Chelsea: Francis 7, Jones 7, Hutchings 7, Chivers 6, Droy 7, Pates 7, Fillery 6, Bumstead 7, Lee 7, Canoville 7, ★WALKER 8.

Middlesbrough: O'Hanlon 7, Nattrass 7, Hamilton 7, Baxter 6, Mowbray 7, Otto 6, Ward 6, Currie 7, Wood 6, ★MacDONALD 8, Bell 7.
 Referee: K. W. Baker (Rugby)
 Match Rating: ★★

DERBY (0) 1 (Davison 76)
FULHAM (0) 0
 Att: 21,124
 Derby: Cherry 7, Barton 7, Burns 6, Gemmill 6 (sub. McAlle), Foster 6, Fletcher 7, ★BROLLY 9, Davison 7, Wilson 6, Hooks 6, Emson 6.
 Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 6, Lock 5, O'Driscoll 6 (sub. Reeves), Brown 7, Gale 6, Davies 6, ★WILSON 8, Coney 6, Houghton 6, Lewington 6.
 Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
 Match Rating: ★★

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Cumming 4)
QPR (0) 1 (Stainrod 80)
 Att: 9,590
 Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 7, Crombie 7, Waters 8, Saxby 8, Moore, K 7, Ford 7, Whymark 7 (sub. Kilmore), Drinkell 7, Bonnyman 7, ★CUMMING 9.
 QPR: Hucker 7, Neill 6, Dawes 6, ★WADDOCK 8, Hazell 6, Burke 7, Wicks 6, Sealy 6, Stainrod 7, Flanagan 6 (sub. Duffield 6), Gregory 7.
 Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
 Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS (0) 2 (Butterworth 64, Donnelly 87)
ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (McBride 43, 89)
 Att: 14,958
 Leeds: ★HARVEY 8, Aspin 6, Gray, F 6, Bright 6, Hart 7, Dickinson 6, Thomas 7, Butterworth 7, Ritchie 6, Donnelly 7, Graham 6 (sub. Hird).
 Rotherham: Conroy 6, Forrest 6, Friar 6, Gow 7, Stancilffe 7, Johnson 6, Arnott 6, Seaman 7, Moore 7 (sub. McEwan), Mitchell 6, ★MCBRIDE 8.
 Referee: D. Richardson (Great Harwood)
 Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER (0) 0
BURNLEY (0) 0
 Att: 29,376
 Leicester: Wallington 7, Ramsey 7, Smith, B 5, MacDonald 6, O'Neill 6, Lynex 7, Jones 5, Daly 6 (sub. May 6), ★WILSON 8, English 6, Smith, A 7.

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Burnley: O'Rourke 6, Dixon 7, Donachie 7, Phelan 7, ★**DOBSON** 8, Flynn 7, Young 6, Steven 6, Hamilton 7, Donovan 6, Scott 6.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 2 (Heard 6, Bannister 64)
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Murphy 72)
Att: 11,154
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, ★**STERLAND** 8, Williamson 6, Smith 6, Lyons 7, Shelton 7, Megson 6, Mills 7, Bannister 7, McCulloch 6, Heard 7.
Crystal Palace: Fry 7, Hinshelwood 6 (sub. Langley 6), Nebbeling 6, Hughton 6, Cannon 7, Gilbert 7, Giles 6, ★**MABBUTT** 8, Edwards 6, Murphy 7, Hilaire 7.
Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★

WOLVES (2) 2 (Matthews 25, Gray 40)
NEWCASTLE (2) 2 (McDonald 41, Varadi 44)
Att: 22,446
Wolves: Burridge 4, ★**HUMPHREY** 8, Palmer 7, Smith 6, Pender 6, Dodd 6, Hibbitt 7, Kellock 7, Gray 6, Eves 5, Matthews 6.
Newcastle: Thomas 7, Anderson 6, Wharton 7, McCreery 6, Clarke 7, Carney 7, ★**KEEGAN** 8, McDonald 7, (sub. Martin 7), Varadi 7, McDermott 7, Waddle 6.
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRADFORD (2) 3 (McCall 4, Jackson 29, Ellis 62)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Wilson 52)
Att: 10,375
Bradford: McManus 7, Podd 8, Chapman 7, McCall 8, Cavenor 6, Jackson 8, Cherry 8, ★**COOKE** 9, Hill 6, Abbott 7, Ellis 8.
Huddersfield: Cox 7, Brown 7, Burke 6, Stanton 6 (sub. Pugh), Sutton 6, Hanvey 6, Lillis 7, Doyle 7, Russell 6, ★**WILSON** 8, Cowling 6.
Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★

BRENTFORD (2) 2 (Joseph 17, Bowles, pen 40)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Lee 49)
Att: 6,191
Brentford: ★**ROCHE** 9, Rowe 6, Spencer 8, McNicol 7, Whitehead 5 (sub. Walker 5), Hurlock 6, Kamara 6, Joseph 5, Booker 5, Bowles 7, Roberts 5.
Bournemouth: Leigh 6, Heffernan 6, Sulley 7, Spackman 6, Brignull 7, Impey 6, Dawtry 7, Shaw 7 (sub. Williams 6), ★**MORGAN** 8, Lee 7, Nightingale 7.
Referee: E. Read (Bristol) — injured and — replaced by R. Smith (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Platnauer 63)
CARDIFF (1) 1 (Gibbins 16)
Att: 10,731
Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, Slatter 6, ★**WILLIAMS**, B 8, Curle 5, Parkin 6, McCaffery 6, Ball 6, Williams, G 7, Randall 6 (sub. Adams 6), Stephens 6, Platnauer 7.
Cardiff: Dibble 6, Jones 5, Mullen 6, Tong 7, Dwyer 7, Bennett, G 7, ★**BENNETT**, D 8, Gibbins 6, Hutton 6, Hemmerman 7 (sub. Bodin 6), Lewis 6.
Referee: D. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Cusack 66)
Att: 4,319
Chesterfield: Turner 7, Kendal 6, Pollard 6, Kowalski 6, Green 5, Bellamy 6, ★**PLUMMER** 8, Partridge 6, Gooding 6, Higginbottom 6, Henderson 6 (sub. Brown 7).
Millwall: Wells 7, Lovell 6, Stride 6, White 5, Nutton 6, Cusack 6, Bremner 6 (sub. Massey 7), ★**ROBINSON** 8, Otulakowski 6, Madden 6, McLeary 6.
Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Green (Chesterfield), White (Millwall)

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Liddell 82)
WALSALL (0) 3 (Rees 52, Buckley 69, O'Kelly 89)
Att: 1,507
Doncaster: Peacock 6, Allanson 6, Johnson 5, ★**SNODIN**, I 7, Russell 6, Lister 6, Mell 5 (sub. Liddell 5), Woods 6, Austin 5, Snodin, G 6, Mann 6.
Walsall: Kearns 7, Bates 6, Caswell 7, Shakespeare 7, Hawker 5, Hart 5, Rees 6, Preece 6, Summerfield 7, ★**BUCKLEY** 8, O'Kelly 7.
Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (1) 3 (Shipley 34, Burke 56, 72)
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Cascarino 25)
Att: 2,241
Lincoln: Felgate 7, Brazier 6, Simmonite 6, Cockerill 7, Peake 7, Thompson 6, Turner 7, Moss 7, Hobson 6, ★**BURKE** 8, Shipley 7.
Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sage 6, Sittin 6, Stokes 7, Weatherly 6, Handford 7, Tydeman 6, Bowman 6, Horrix 6, ★**MEHMET** 8, Cascarino 7.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Williams 17)
EXETER (0) 1 (Rogers, P 85)
Att: 3,520
Newport: Kendall 6, Jones 7, Relish 7, ★**BAILEY** 8, Oakes 7, Stroud 6, Lowndes 7, Aldridge 7 (sub. Gwyther), Tynan 7, Reid 6, Williams 7.
Exeter: Bond 7, Rogers, M 6, Viney 6, Harle 7, Phillips 6, McEwan 7, Neville 6, ★**ROGERS**, P 8, Kellow 6 (sub. Pratt 6), Delve 7, Kirkup 7.
Referee: K. Barratt (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★

ORIENT (2) 4 (Houchen 32, Kitchener 37, Godfrey 47, Roffey 89)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Houston 38)
Att: 4,468
Orient: Day 6, Roffey 7, Peach 7, Cunningham 6, Gray 6, ★**SILKMAN** 8, Godfrey 7, Cornwell 7, Houchen 7, Kitchen 7, McNeil 7.
Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, Henderson 7, Charles 6 (sub. Brazil 7), Richardson 6, West 6, ★**HOUSTON** 8, Towner 6, Trussion 6, Edwards 6, Morris 7, Cooper 6.
Referee: H. W. King (Glamorgan)
Match Rating: ★★

PLYMOUTH (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Biley 59)
Att: 14,173
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 5, ★**HARRISON** 8, Smith 6, Cooper 5, Hodges 6, Phillips 5, Sims 5, Staniforth 5, Rowe 5.
Portsmouth: Knight 7, Ellis 6, Sullivan 6, Doyle 7, Tait 6, Aizlewood 7, Webb 7, ★**DILLON** 9, Rafferty 6, Biley 7, Rogers 6.
Referee: K. Cooper (Pontypridd)
Match Rating: ★★

READING (1) 1 (Dixon 28)
WREXHAM (0) 0
Att: 5,252
Reading: Judge 6, Richardson 7, Williamson 7, Beavon 7, ★**HICKS** 8, Barnes 5 (sub. Henderson 6), Eilers 7, Price 7, Dixon 7, Bason 7, Sanchez 7.
Wrexham: Parker 6, King 6, Hill 6, Arkwright 5 (sub. Cunningham 5), Downman 6, Keay 5, Evans 6, ★**BUXTON** 7, Hunt 6, Muldoon 6, Gregory 6.
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (0) 0
PRESTON (1) 1 (Gowling 14)
Att: 7,191
Wigan: Tunks 6, ★**LANGLEY** 8, Walsh 7, Methven 6, Weston 6 (sub. Bradd 6), Barrow 7, Cribley 7, Young 6, Butler 7, Lowe 6, Houghton 6.
Preston: Hodge 6, ★**HINNIGAN** 8, O'Riordan 6, Booth 6, McAtear 7, Lodge 5, Sayer 7, Bell 6, Gowling 6 (sub. Kelly 7), Elliott 5, Naughton 6.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Serella 44)
HARTLEPOOL (2) 2 (Linighan 12, Dobson 17)
Att: 2,184
Blackpool: Hesford 7, ★**PASHLEY** 8, Pritchett 6, Deary 6, Serella 6, Greenall 5, Hetzke 5, McNiven 5, Stewart 6, Noble 5, Bamber 5 (sub. Bramhall 6).
Hartlepool: Wright 7, Smith 7, Stimpson 7, Hogan 7, Brown 7, ★**LINIGHAN**, D 8 (sub. Stewart), Linighan, A 7, Lowe 7, Staff 7, Dobson 7, Barker 7.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

BURY (0) 1 (Parker 81)
WIMBLEDON (2) 3 (Evans 10, Downes 38, Fishenden 89)
Att: 6,762
Bury: Brown 7, Gardner 6, Halliday 6, ★**BRAMHALL** 8, Breckin 7, Gore 6, Hilton 5 (sub. Parker 5), Jakub 6, Potts 7, Johnson 6, Madden 5.
Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Peters 7, Smith 7, Hatter 7, Thomas 6, Fishenden 7, Downes 7, Morris 6, Evans 7, Leslie 6, ★**HODGES** 8.
Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (1) 1 (Thomas 22)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Graham 15, 83)
Att: 2,560
Chester: Millington 6, Moffatt 5, Lane 6 (sub. Bradley), Storton 7, Zelem 5, Blackwell 5, ★**SLOAN** 8, Allen 7, Thomas 7, Manns 6, Bulmer 6.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Oates 7, Pointon 6, Boxall 5, Baines 7, Hunter 6, ★**GRAHAM** 8, Cammack 7, Cowling 6, Webster 6, Keeley 6 (sub. Snow 5).
Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Todd 45)
YORK (3) 3 (Byrne 4, Hood 14, Walwyn 15)
Att: 1,668
Darlington: Barber 5, ★**KAMARA** 8, Liddle 5, Smith 5, Barton 5, Cartwright 6, Gilbert 5, McLean 7, Todd 6, Walsh 7, Honour 6 (sub. Wakefield 6).
York: Jones 7, ★**EVANS** 8, Hay 6, Sbragia 7, MacPhail 7, Hood 7, Ford 6, Crosby 6, Walwyn 7, Byrne 7 (sub. Senior 7), Pollard 7.
Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)
Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (0) 0
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Rayment 89)
Att: 2,075
Hereford: ★**ROSE** 8, Price 7, Bray 6, Hicks 6, Larkin 6, Spiring 6, Harvey 5, Pejic 5, Phillips 5, Showers 5, Bartley 6.
Peterborough: Seaman 7, Mercer 7, ★**COLLINS** 8, Imlach 7, Carmichael 7, Ippolito 7, Clarke 6, Rodaway 6, Linton 6, Benjamin 6, Rayment 6.
Referee: T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD (2) 4 (Kearney 22, Hutchinson 32, Woodhead 69, Bell 84)
ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Banton 28)
Att: 1,786
Mansfield: Arnold 6, Blackhall 6, ★**KEARNEY** 8, Bell 5, Ayre 6, Calderwood 7, Woodhead 6, Hutchinson 6, Dungworth 5, Caldwell 6, Sindall 6 (sub. Thorpe 6).
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Scott 5, Shrubbs 6, Briley 6, Whitlock 6, Gillard 6, ★**LUCAS** 8, Banton 6, Senior 5, McDonald 6, Robinson 5.
Referee: T. A. Jones (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Newton, pen 55)
NORTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Coffill 18, Tucker, pen 21)
Att: 6,761
Port Vale: Siddall 7, Tarrt 7, Bromage 7, Hunter 7, Sproson 7, Cegielski 7, Fox 8, Steel 6, Newton 7, Shankland 7, ★**ARMSTRONG** 9 (sub. Ridley).
Northampton: ★**GLEASURE** 9, Tucker 7, Gage 7, Saunders 7, Burrows 7, Heeley 7, Jeffery 7, Denyer 8, Syrett 7, Massey 7, Coffill 7 (sub. Belfon 7).
Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Martinez 2)
HULL (2) 3 (Murtie 2, Roberts 44, Marwood 75)
Att: 2,659
Rochdale: Crawford 7, Keenan 6, Carr 6, Farrell 7, Higgins 7, Williams 7, ★**THOMPSON**, D 8, Thompson, S 6, French 5, Hilditch 6, Martinez 7.
Hull: Davies 7, McNeil 6, Swann 7, Roberts 7, Skipper 8, Askew 7, Marwood 8, McClaren 7, Whitehurst 8, ★**MUTRIE** 9, Roberts 7.
Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON (1) 2 (Barnard 39, Pritchard 71)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
Att: 5,103
Swindon: Stevens 7, Balie 7, Baddeley 6, Batty 6, Henry 7, Graham 6, ★**PRITCHARD** 8, Barnard 7, Quinn 7, Rowland 7, Blackler 6.
Bristol City: Shaw 7, Llewellyn 6, Williams, G 6, Nicholls 6, Palmer 6, Bray 6 (sub. Jones), Ritchie 7, ★**ECONOMOU** 8, Cooper 6, Williams, P 6, Crawford 7.
Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

ABERDEEN (2) 5 (Brazil, og 9, McGhee 30, Strachan, pen 69, Cowan 78, Angus 88)
HIBERNIAN (0) 0
Att: 24,000
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Rougvie 8, McMaster 7, Watson 6, McLeish 6 (sub. Hamilton 6), ★**MILLER** 9, Strachan 7, Black 6 (sub. Cowan 6), McGhee 8, Angus 6, Hewitt 7.
Hibs: Rough 7, Conroy 4 (sub. McKee 5), Sneddon 5, Brazil 5, Welsh 5 (sub. Harvey 6), McNamara 6, Callaghan 5, ★**RICE** 8, Irvine 5, Thompson 5, Duncan 5.
Referee: D. F. Syme (Rutherglen)
Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Ferguson 28)
DUNDEE UNITED (2) 2 (Milne 4, Bannon 11)
Att: 25,000
Dundee: Kelly 6, Glennie 6 (sub. Mackie 6), McKimmie 6, ★**FRASER** 8, Smith 7, McDonald 7, Ferguson 7, McGeachie 6, Sinclair 6, Stephen 7, Kidd 4.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Stark 7, Malpas 6, Gough 7, Hegarty 7, Narey 6, Bannon 7, ★**MILNE** 8, Kirkwood 6, Sturrock 7 (sub. Holt 6), Dodds 6.
Referee: G. Smith (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

KILMARNOCK (1) 1 (Simpson 33)
MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (McClair 30)
Att: 1,203
Kilmarnock: McCulloch 6, Cockburn 5, Clark, R 5, ★**CLARK**, J 7, Armstrong 6, Clarke 5 (sub. McDicken 5), McGivern 5, MacLeod 5, Bryson 5 (sub. Eadie), Simpson 6, Muir 5.
Motherwell: Walker 5, Dornan 5, MacLeod 5, Forbes 6, Carson 5, Mauchlen 5, Flavell 6, Rafferty 6, Edvaldsson 5 (sub. Cormack), ★**MCCLAIR** 7, Gahagan 5 (sub. O'Hara).
Referee: E. H. Pringle (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

MORTON (0) 0
ST MIRREN (1) 2 (McDougall 44, 51)
Att: 1,200
Morton: Kyle 6, Haynes 6, ★**HOLMES** 8, Rooney 6, McLaughlin 6, Duffy 6, Payne 6 (sub. Doak 5), McNab 6 (sub. McCallum 5), Houston 5, McNeil 4, Ritchie 4.
St Mirren: Thomson 6, Wilson 6, Abrecromby 6, Fitzpatrick 6, Fulton 6, McCormack 6, Stark 5, Richardson 6, ★**MCDUGALL** 7 (sub. Logan), McAvennie 6, Campbell 6 (sub. Walker 5).
Referee: W. McLeish (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (2) 2 (Cooper 17, Clark 24)
CELTIC (0) 4 (Nicholas, pen 48, pen 85, McAdam 60, McGarvey 74)
Att: 39,000
Rangers: McCloy 7, Dawson 6, ★**MCCLELLAND** 8, McPherson 6, Paterson 6, Bett 5, Cooper 4, McKinnon 4 (sub. Russell), Clark 6, Redford 4, MacDonald 6 (sub. Dalziel 5).
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 7, Sinclair 7, Aitken 7, McAdam 7, ★**MCLEOD** 8, Provan 7, McStay 7, Nicholas 7, Burns 7, McGarvey 6.
Referee: R. B. McGinlay (Balfour)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

AIRDRIE (0) 0
ALLOA (1) 1 (McComb 2)
Att: 1,000
Clyde (1) 3 (Masterton 25, Nevin 64, Doherty 88)
AYR (0) 2 (Frye, pen 81, 90)
Att: 1,050
Clydebank (0) 1 (Hughes 76)
PARTICK THISTLE (2) 2 (Johnston 2, McDowall 36)
Att: 1,420
Falkirk (0) 1 (McCulley 49)
DUMBARTON (1) 2 (Craig 29, McGrogan 90)
Att: 1,800
Hearts (1) 2 (Johnston 37, O'Connor 52)
HAMILTON (0) 0
Att: 9,136
Raith (0) 2 (Marshall 52, Harris 63)
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 (Quinn 37, Grant 67)
Att: 800
ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (Brogan 22)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
Att: 4,932

Second Division

ALBION (2) 2 (McGorm 40, 42)
BERWICK (1) 1 (McCann, pen 14)
Att: 300
Cowdenbeath (0) 0
MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Godfrey 24)
Att: 250
EAST FIFE (0) 4 (Scott 49, Pryde 56, Kopel, og 65, Caithness 87)
ARBROATH (0) 0
Att: 481
Stenhousemuir (0) 0
BRECHIN (0) 0
Att: 350
Stirling Albion (1) 3 (Irvine 8, Colquhoun 81, McNeil 87)
EAST STIRLING (0) 1 (Grant 67)
Att: 1,050
Stranraer (0) 0
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
Att: 350

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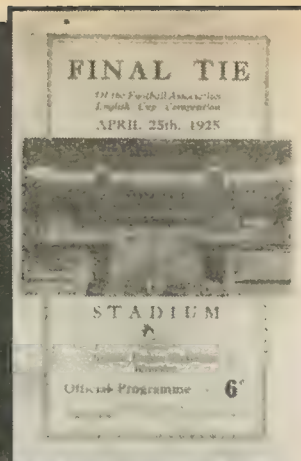
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PROGRAMME PARADE

Left: The front cover of the first-ever Wembley FA Cup Final programme, which is worth anything from £100 to £200.

Right: The 1925 Cup Final programme involving Cardiff and Sheffield United. This programme is more difficult to obtain than the 1923 one.



CUP FINAL TREASURE!

If you're lucky enough to have every Wembley FA Cup Final programme from the past sixty years, then you're sitting on a little goldmine.

Put it on the market in mint condition, and you could expect well in excess of £1,000!

Cup Final programmes, especially those from the twenties, still provide the centrepieces of most collections, and are much in demand.

The first Final at Wembley on April 28, 1923, between Bolton and West Ham is still regarded as the 'Penny Black' among programme collectors, and regularly changes hands for between £100 and £200.

But some later Finals are proving more difficult to obtain, notably the 1925 one when Sheffield United beat Cardiff.

The 1923 Final is best remembered for the chaotic crowd scenes on the pitch and the policeman on the white horse fighting to control matters.

Incidentally, the Football Association had to refund £2,797 to ticket holders who had been unable to take their seats.

"This programme is regarded as something special because it was the first match played at Wembley," says York dealer John Wilson. "But I've seen more of them on the market than say the 1925 Final."

And people with Cup Final

programmes going back to the 1880's and 1890's could virtually name their price.

One collector in the Midlands, Tony Matthews, from Tamworth, has four involving West Brom, and he estimates their value at around £750.

"These programmes were just single sheets of paper and so a lot of them haven't survived. But they are certainly difficult to come by," adds John Wilson.

Wembley Stadium have reproduced copies of some Cup Finals, including the 1923 and the 1949 Wolves v Leicester, but they make no attempt to deceive the public.

But, as John warns, there are 'fake' copies of the 1958 Bolton v Manchester United Final in circulation.

"It's not a very professional job, though," he says. "Whoever published them had written the figure '2' on his original copy under the name of Bolton's Nat Lofthouse to signify his two

goals.

"However, he omitted to erase the number when printing the 'fake', and it's on every copy."

From the Second World War, Cup Final programmes range in price from £25 down to around 80p for last season's copy.

It may seem strange to the uninitiated to find the programme for the 1970 Final between Chelsea and Leeds valued at five times as much as the previous year's... at £5.

But Chelsea and Leeds produced the first-ever draw at Wembley and that makes it more valuable, and the replay programme at Old Trafford is worth twice as much, around £10!

"It's value is based on the fact that Manchester United didn't print as many programmes as Wembley for the replay, and so there are not so many in circulation, plus the fact it was the first replay of a Wembley Final," explains John.

THE 1980 FA Cup Final programme may only be worth around 80p, but for West Ham's Paul Allen (right) it's worth a lot more.

There's no prize for guessing that it's the favourite programme in his collection because with his Wembley appearance against Arsenal came a spot of football history.

He became the youngest Cup finalist at 17 years 256 days when the 'Hammers' defeated Arsenal 1-0, beating the record held for 14 years by current Everton boss Howard Kendall.

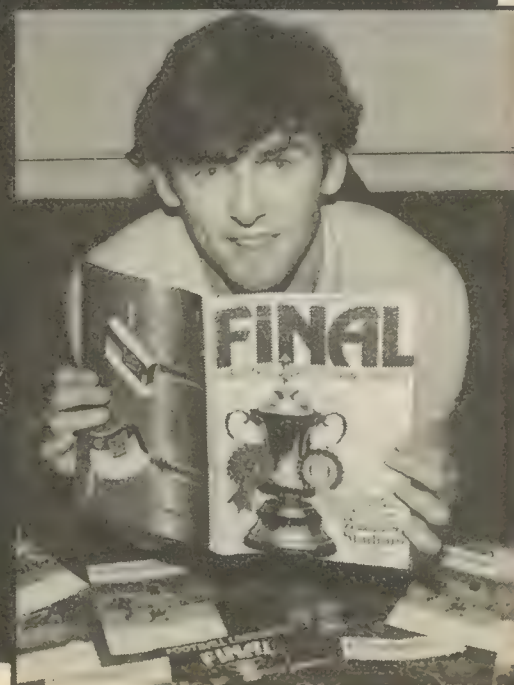
Many might think that Manchester United's Norman Whiteside will break that record this weekend, but he celebrated his 18th birthday 14 days before the Final.

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HOW WE GOT THERE

by Tony Grealish

TONY GREALISH, Brighton's Eire international takes you on 'The Seagulls' FA Cup flight to Wembley. It's a revealing and personal insight of an historic trip...

Left: Andy Ritchie (left, now with Leeds) congratulates Michael Robinson on his two goal show against Manchester City.

Brighton skipper Steve Foster (right) wins an aerial duel with Newcastle's Imre Varadi.

THIRD ROUND... BRIGHTON 1 (Ritchie), NEWCASTLE 1 (McDermott).
REPLAY: NEWCASTLE 0, BRIGHTON 1 (Ward).

TWO days before the game, I went for a haircut and then got a phone call from a journalist friend... it was a routine that was to become a ritual. Andy Ritchie put us ahead in the mud at home, but then Terry McDermott — one of my favourite players — scored the equaliser. I had the honour of being skipper for the replay, although the over-riding memory of the round was that we'd managed to avoid a repeat of last year's disaster when we were thumped 3-0 at home by Third Division Oxford.

FIFTH ROUND... LIVERPOOL 1 (Johnston), BRIGHTON 2 (Case, Ryan).
NEIL Smillie, Gordon Smith and myself missed hearing the draw for the game because we were drinking tea in a local cafe... we were glad we did! Everyone thought it was the end of our Cup Dream. But old Liverpool favourite Jimmy Case scored our winner — his second FA Cup goal in two games and it was a champagne celebration all the way home.

Right: Jimmy Case — hero of the famous Fifth Round victory over his old club Liverpool.

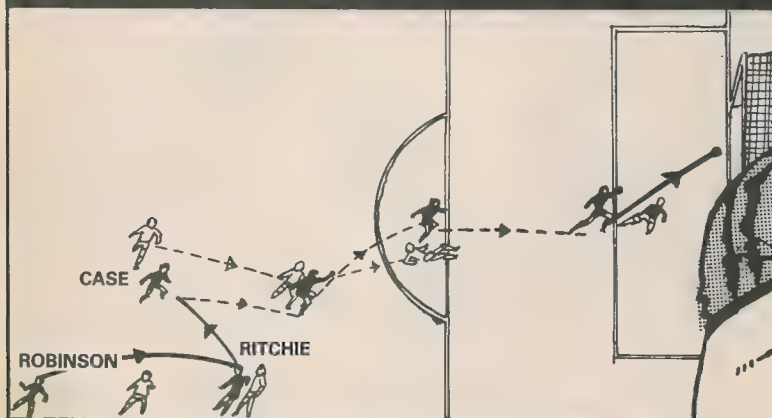
Below: Brighton manager Jimmy Melia celebrates with Semi-Final matchwinner Michael Robinson.

FOURTH ROUND... BRIGHTON 4 (Robinson 2, Smillie, Case), MANCHESTER CITY 0.

"ANOTHER haircut and phone call resulted in our best home performance of the season... and it signalled the end of John Bond's reign at Manchester City. Everything we did worked so well that we could have come off the field having really embarrassed them with six or seven goals."

SIXTH ROUND... BRIGHTON 1 (Case), NORWICH 0.

"IT'S that man Case again. I'm getting sick of seeing his name on the scoresheet — he always seems to be hogging the limelight! Jimmy seemed to take ages before he actually hit the ball, but when he did it was a beauty!"



Jimmy Case scores a beauty against Norwich.

SEMI-FINAL... BRIGHTON 2 (Case, Robinson), SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1 (Mirocevic).

"THE most important thing in our build-up was who Jimmy Greaves predicted to win. In all the previous rounds he'd gone for our opponents. As soon as he went for Wednesday we knew we were through! Michael Robinson scored our winner but we'd have had a real go at him if he hadn't. He cut inside Gordon who looked to have the better scoring chance. I've no need to describe our following celebrations!"

A ARTHUR ALBISTON — making his third FA Cup Final appearance for Manchester United in six years... United boss Ron ATKINSON, only the second manager to take a side to Wembley twice in the same season... ARSENAL, the last team to figure in three successive FA Cup Finals.

B BAILEY — Manchester United goalkeeper Gary, who was beaten in the last minute by Arsenal's Alan Sunderland in the 1979 FA Cup Final... Trevor BROOKING, the West Ham scoring hero against Arsenal in 1980.

C CASE — Brighton's Jimmy, who scored Liverpool's goal in their 2-1 defeat by Manchester United in the 1977 Cup Final... Laurie CUNNINGHAM, who could be the first player on loan from a foreign club to figure in a Wembley Cup Final... Sandy CLARK, who plays in his first Scottish Cup Final for Rangers just a few months after his transfer from West Ham.

D DUXBURY — Manchester United full-back Mike, who plays in his first FA Cup Final... Kenny DALGLISH, four Scottish FA Cup winners' medals with Celtic but never appeared in an FA Cup Final with Liverpool...

E EXTRA TIME — played in the last two FA Cup Finals and in three of the last four Scottish Cup Finals... EVERTON, winners in 1906, 1933 and 1966 when they beat this season's Cup Semi-Finalists Sheffield Wednesday.

F FULHAM — the last Second Division club to lose in an FA Cup Final... FORFAR, beaten by Scottish Cup Finalists Rangers en route to Hampden in the past two seasons... FALKIRK, Scottish Cup winner in 1913 and 1957 who were also beaten by Rangers in this season's competition... Alex FERGUSON, manager of Scottish Cup holders Aberdeen.

G GREY — Great Yarmouth referee Alf who is in charge of this weekend's Cup Final... Brighton's Steve GATTING, brother of new Middlesex cricket captain Mike; Tony GREALISH, who'll be leading Brighton out in the absence of Steve Foster... GOALS, the last seven Wembley Finals have all been decided by the odd goal and the last two Scottish Cup finals have ended in 4-1 victories for Rangers and Aberdeen... GOLDSTONE, home of Brighton.



Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson — only the second manager to take a side to Wembley twice in the same season.

H HOWLETT — Brighton youngster Gary, who made his FA Cup debut in the Semi-Final win over Sheffield Wednesday... HAMPDEN, scene of the Scottish Cup Final... Tommy HUTCHISON, who scored for both sides when Manchester City and Tottenham drew their 1981 Cup Final... Steve HEIGHWAY, who scored in Liverpool's 1971 and 1974 FA Cup Finals.

I IBROX — home of Scottish Cup finalists Rangers... IPSWICH, the last team to take the FA Cup out of London back in 1978...

J JENNINGS — Pat, who won FA Cup winners' medals with both Tottenham and Arsenal... Mick JONES, who scored in both matches when Leeds lost to Chelsea after a replay of the 1970 Final...

K KENNEDY — Aberdeen full-back Stuart... Kevin KEEGAN, scorer of two Liverpool goals in the 3-0 FA Cup



Kenny Dalglish — never appeared in an English FA Cup Final.

Cup Final A to Z

Final victory over his current club Newcastle in 1974... Ray KENNEDY, winner of more domestic honours than any other footballer... Eddie KELLY, scored one of the goals against Liverpool in 1971 which helped Arsenal to complete the 'double'.

L LEIGHTON — Aberdeen's Scottish international goalkeeper Jim... Nat LOFTHOUSE, scored both goals in Bolton's 1958 Final victory over Manchester United... LEICESTER, four Cup Final appearances and four defeats...

M MANCHESTER United — appearing in their fourth Final in seven years... John McCLELLAND, the Irish international who'll be leading out Rangers at Hampden... Arnie MUHREN, the first Dutch international to play in an FA Cup Final... Willie MILLER and Alex McLEISH, defensive kingpins for Aberdeen... Gordon McQUEEN, scored in Manchester United's last Cup Final appearance in 1979... Jimmy MELIA, taking Brighton to Wembley after just a few months as manager...

N NEWCASTLE — Cup winners six times in 11 Finals... NOTTINGHAM FOREST, FA Cup winners in 1959 for the only time this century... Maurice NOR-

MAN and Ritchie NORMAN, opponents when Tottenham beat Leicester in the 1961 Final...

O OLD Trafford — home of Manchester United and the scene of the 1970 FA Cup Final replay when Chelsea beat Leeds... OWN goals, Manchester City's Tommy Hutchison conceded the last Wembley own goal in the 1981 Final... Roger OSBORNE, Ipswich goal hero in their 1978 Final victory...

P PATERSON — Rangers defender Craig set for his first Scottish Cup Final... Graham PEARCE, young Brighton defender who was playing non-League football last season... Ian PORTERFIELD, whose goal brought Sunderland a shock 1-0 win over Leeds in the 1973 Final... PENALTY, Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle decided last year's replay against QPR with a spot kick... PITTODRIE, home of Aberdeen.

Q QUEEN'S Park — appeared in two English Cup Finals in the 1880's... QUEEN'S Park Rangers, appeared in their first-ever Cup Final last year.

R ROBSON — Manchester United's England skipper Bryan and Brighton's Semi-Final match winner Mike ROBINSON... Brighton full-back Chris RAMSEY,

who missed the Semi-Final through suspension... RANGERS, appearing in their eighth successive Scottish Cup Final... Pat RICE, who played in all Arsenal's five FA Cup finals since 1971...

S SMITH — Brighton's Gordon is the first player to play in Scottish and English Cup Finals in the same season... Aberdeen's tricky midfielder Gordon STRACHAN, who scored in last season's 4-1 Final defeat of Rangers... Manchester United's Frank STAPLETON, who scored against United when Arsenal won the Cup in 1979...

T TOTTENHAM — the first team to retain the FA Cup since the great Spurs side of the early sixties... Alan TAYLOR, the last Englishman to score two goals in an FA Cup Final when West Ham beat Fulham in 1975... Brian TALBOT, played in successive Cup Finals with different teams, Ipswich and Arsenal...

U UNDERDOGS — like Sunderland, Southampton and West Ham who in the past few years have caused FA Cup Final upsets... UNIVERSITIES, like Oxford who figured in several Cup Finals in the 1870's and 1880's.

V Terry VENABLES, the QPR manager who played in Tottenham's 1967 triumph over Chelsea, but lost to Tottenham in last season's Final with Rangers... Ricky VILLA, scorer of two goals in Tottenham's 1981 victory over Manchester City.

W WHITESIDE — Norman was Manchester United's Semi-Final match winner and scorer of their goal in the Milk Cup Final at Wembley... Aberdeen's Peter WEIR, who missed last season's victory over Rangers through injury... Ray WILKINS, the Manchester United midfielder player who didn't appear in the Cup this season until the Sixth Round.

X X — on the pools coupon which means a draw, but only eleven of the 101 FA Cup Finals have required replays, and two of those have come in the past two years but in Scotland no fewer than 25 Finals have needed replays since 1874 with four of them needing two replays... X-RAYS which QPR's Clive Allen needed last year on an ankle injury that kept him out of the replay.

Y YOUNG — Neil who scored Manchester City's 1969 winner against Leicester... Willie YOUNG, Arsenal strongman in three successive Finals... YOUNGEST — West Ham's Paul Allen is the youngest Cup Finalist at 17 years 256 days...

Z ZEPPELIN — which flew over Wembley just before the war... Some of the ZANY moments at Wembley, like the policeman on a white horse controlling crowds on the pitch at the 1923 Final, the ball being deflated after Ronnie Allen's penalty goal for West Brom in the 1954 Final, Charlie George lying prostrate on the ground after scoring Arsenal's 1971 winner and Sunderland boss Bob Stokoe running on the field to hug goalkeeper Jim Montgomery after their shock 1973 victory.



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FULL NAME: Arnoldus Johannus Hyacinthus Muhren.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Volendam, Holland/June 2, 1951.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft. 10ins./10st. 7lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Geerie.
CHILDREN: Arjan, Claudia and Jill.
CAR: Ford Capri.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Volendam, Ajax, FC Twente and Ipswich.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Office worker.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Arnie'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Ankle injury a few years ago.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: My United team-mate Bryan Robson — he's the complete player.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Ipswich.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Brazil's Zico. Great at creating and scoring goals.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Man. Utd's European Cup winning side with Peter Shilton in goal. Shilton, Brennan, Dunne, Crerand, Foulkes, Stiles, Best, Kidd, Charlton, Sadler, Aston.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL IX: Yashin (USSR), Suurbier (Holland), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Passarella (Argentina),

Krol (Holland), Charlton R. (England), Neeskens (Holland), Zico (Brazil), Best (N. Ireland), Cruyff (Holland), Maradona (Argentina).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Liverpool's Anfield.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Feyenoord, Rotterdam.
BEST GOAL SCORED: For Holland against France when we won 1-0, in March 1981.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: All goals are good ones.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All of them.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Holland v France.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Winning the UEFA Cup with Ipswich in 1980-81.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not being included in the Holland squad for the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis and snooker.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Being with my family.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking and long coach journeys.
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Benny Hill and Russ Abbot's Madhouse.

GRAHAM MOSELEY BRIGHTON

FULL NAME: Graham Moseley.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Stretford/November 16, 1953.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft. 1in./12st. 9lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Elizabeth.
CHILDREN: Vaughan (6), Gareth (4) and Nina Victoria (2).
CAR: Volvo 245.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Blackburn, Derby.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Mose'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Broken collarbone in 1969.
FAVOURITE BRITISH PLAYER AND WHY: Peter Ward ... a good goalscorer and friend.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: England.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Mario Kempes ... quick, skilful and scores great goals.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Cohen, Wilson, McFarland, Moore, Charlton R., Ball, Stiles (all England), Best (N. Ireland), Charles (Wales), Law (Scotland).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Yashin (USSR), Vogts, Beckenbauer (both W. Germany), Moore (England), Alberto (Brazil), Stiles, Ball (both England), Cruyff (Holland), Jairzinho, Pele (both Brazil), Di Stefano (Spain).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Goodison Park.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Real Madrid's Bernabeu Stadium.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Pat Jennings for Tottenham in 1967 Charity Shield draw with Manchester United — a giant kick over Alex Stepney's head at the other end.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All tall ones.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: This season's FA Cup Semi-Final win over Sheffield Wednesday.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Sitting on the subs bench and watching Derby lose 5-1 at Real Madrid after winning the European Cup first leg tie 4-1 in 1975-76.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Windsurfing, golf, badminton.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Holidays, a good evening out and golf.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Ignorant, loud-mouthed people and shaving.
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Old Grey Whistle Test and Not the Nine O'Clock News.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: The Epilogue.
FAVOURITE READING: Autobiographies.
FAVOURITE POP STARS: David Bowie and Police.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak Diane.

FAVOURITE DRINK: A red-hot cup of tea.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Dustin Hoffman and Victoria Principal.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Raiders of the Lost Ark.
BEST FRIEND: My wife, Elizabeth, and my bank manager.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Eddie Quigley when he was manager of Blackburn.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Being away from my family at Christmas.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Under-23 and youth honours.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be healthy, wealthy and wise.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: I've achieved it by getting to an FA Cup Final, but now I want to win the Cup.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To run a camp site in the South of France or on the Algarve in Portugal.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Brighton's Gary Howlett.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Any Miss World.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen to older players' advice, work hard on what you think you are not good at, but don't neglect your good points too much.

ARNOLD MUHREN

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TV SHOWS YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Programmes between 6 and 7pm on a Sunday.

FAVOURITE READING: Dutch and English sports magazines.

FAVOURITE POP STARS: Paul McCartney and Elton John.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Dover sole.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Charles Bronson/Jacqueline Bissett.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Rocky III.

BEST FRIEND: My wife.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My parents. They gave me every encouragement to play football.

WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT

FOOTBALL: Injuries and losing.

SUPERSTITIONS: None.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Fish

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Eight

Under-21 and nine full caps for Holland.

PERSONAL AMBITION: Health for myself and my family.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win something with United.

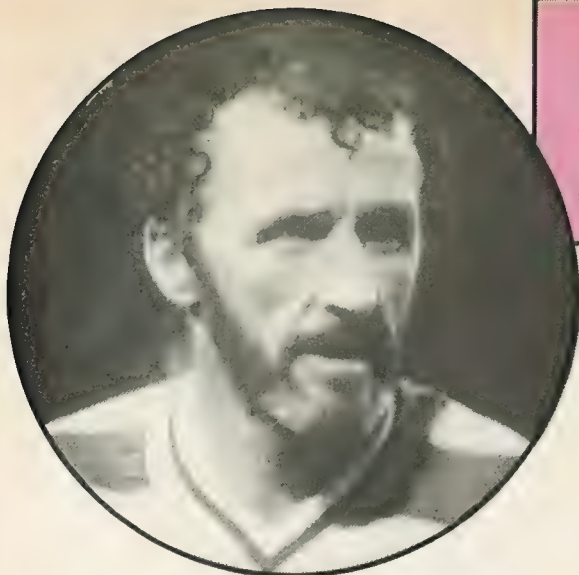
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: No idea yet.

PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Norman Whiteside.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The Prince and Princess of Wales.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard in training and listen to advice.





HAMPDEN PARK comes alive on Saturday for the Final of the Scottish Cup, and here Celtic skipper Danny McGrain — four times winner of the prized trophy — brings you a fascinating player-by-player analysis of the big clash between Aberdeen and Rangers.

Plus 'Match Weekly' has given each player a rating out of ten — based on marks awarded in our 'Match Facts' section during the season — so you can spot the players on form.

'THIS is Rangers' last chance to pacify their success-starved supporters. If they lift the Scottish Cup at Hampden on Saturday, all the past traumas of a bad season will be forgotten.

But I really can't see our Ibrox rivals doing the victory dance at twenty minutes to five. It will be 'The Dons' skipper Willie Miller leading the celebrations.

Aberdeen will be full of confidence especially after their tremendous European Cup Winners Cup victory over Real Madrid and they should easily beat troubled Rangers.

Alex Ferguson has so many potential match-winners in his side. Players like Gordon Strachan, Peter Weir and Eric Black can turn a game on their own.

But Aberdeen's real strength is their teamwork. They work as a unit and don't have to rely on a flash of brilliance from one particular player.

I can't see the Rangers strikeforce making much impression, because the Aberdeen defence is so solid under the commanding leadership of Willie Miller and I'm going for the 'Dons' to win 2-0.

Here's my exclusive run-down on the two expected line-ups . . .

IT'S DONS'

RANGERS

PETER McCLOY: Written off by the critics so many times before, my former Scotland team-mate keeps bouncing back. That shows what a strong character he is.

I don't profess to be the world's number one expert on the art of goalkeeping, but Peter has always impressed me. He's very capable between the posts.

MATCH RATING: 6.93

ALLY DAWSON: After being made Ibrox skipper and capped by Scotland, Ally really went down hill and suffered a bad time. But he's shown great determination in coming back.

Even though he has been playing at left-back he's never struck me as being entirely happy in that position. He prefers the ball on his right foot. I know what he feels like because Scotland played me on the left for a spell and I didn't feel comfortable.

But he's very quick and loves to come forward and have a crack at goal.

MATCH RATING: 6.78

JOHN McCLELLAND: He's not really a full-back, although Rangers have played him at left back. I regard him as a central defender alongside Craig Paterson and young David McPherson.

The Northern Ireland international is very deceptive because for a big man, he's fast and once he's got the ball it's very difficult to stop him.

MATCH RATING: 6.88

DAVID MCPHERSON: The youngster has done very well since breaking into the side and his performances defy his years. He's so calm on the ball.

As well as being good in the air, David is a very good user of the ball. He rarely wastes it.

MATCH RATING: 6.64

CRAIG PATERSON: The former Hibernian star is enjoying a good run after an injury-ridden start to his career with Rangers.

Like many Ibrox centre-backs he's very good in the air but not a great user of the ball. He tends to hit it in the direction that he's facing. He isn't as strong on the ground as McPherson.

MATCH RATING: 6.52

JIM BETT: It's very difficult to predict what sort of midfield John Greig will select, but Jim looks certain to figure in his plans.

The Scotland international is very strong in the tackle and hard to dispossess.

MATCH RATING: 6.73

BOBBY RUSSELL: He's the touch player in the side. Bobby is slightly built, but a very good passer of the ball.

Sometimes his passes go astray, but that's not always his fault. It's sometimes because the forwards aren't on the same wavelength as the talented midfielder.

MATCH RATING: 6.22

IAN REDFORD: Rangers have yet to decide what Ian's best position is. He's played inside left, full-back and midfield this season so he must be as confused as the rest.

When he played up front for Dundee he scored a lot of goals — it hasn't worked out like that at Ibrox. Ian is very fit and strong and will run all day for you.

MATCH RATING: 6.22

SANDY CLARK: Although he scored the Semi-Final winner which beat St Mirren, Sandy hasn't really fitted in to the scheme of things at Rangers since his transfer from West Ham.

But the former Airdrie striker is good in the air and never gives up. He's a hard working player who always gives 100 per cent.

MATCH RATING: 6.22

JOHN MACDONALD: Two years ago he was the player all Scotland was talking about but he's suffered as Rangers fortunes have declined.

He's very quick and skilful and is always liable to nip in and score goals, but his slight physique means that he sometimes loses out when the battles get tough.

MATCH RATING: 6.37

DAVIE COOPER: He's the enigma in the Rangers side. He tends to pick his games. One day he will be brilliant the next average.

He has got all the skill in the world and can conjure goals out of nothing. He loves running at people and can be very dangerous at set pieces.

MATCH RATING: 6.00



Rangers skipper John McClelland — once he gets the ball it is very difficult to stop him.

RANGERS

Third Round

FALKIRK (0) 0
RANGERS (0) 2 (Oliver o.g. 54, Kennedy 60)
Att: 15,000

Fourth Round

RANGERS (0) 2 (MacDonald 59, 78)
FORFAR (1) 1 (MacDonald 41)
Att: 14,500

Fifth Round

QUEENS PARK (0) 1 (Gilmour pen. 62)
RANGERS (2) 2 (Dalziel 15, Cooper 43)
Att: 13,716

Semi-Final

RANGERS (0) 1 (Clark 72)
ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Paterson o.g. 84)
Att: 31,102 (At Celtic Park)

Semi-Final replay

RANGERS (0) 1 (Clark 119)
ST MIRREN (0) 0
Att: 25,125 (At Hampden Park)

ABERDEEN

Third Round

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Rae 65)
ABERDEEN (2) 4 (Weir 34, Simpson 35, Watson 84, 85)
Att: 14,289

Fourth Round

ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Simpson 46)
DUNDEE (0) 0
Att: 19,090

Fifth Round

PARTICK (0) 1 (MacDonald 64)
ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Cooper 4, Weir 72)
Att: 12,092

Semi-Final

ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Weir 65)
CELTIC (0) 0
Att: 51,152 (At Hampden Park)

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says
Danny McGrain

ABERDEEN

JIM LEIGHTON: Deservedly Scotland's number one goalkeeper at the moment. If it's not bad enough having to break down 'The Dons' defence you've then got the commanding figure of Jim to contend with.
MATCH RATING: 7.11

STUART KENNEDY: Very quick and sharp full-back, but if he has a weakness, it's that his final ball sometimes lets him down. The former Falkirk player is, at 29, one of the older members of the side.

He has been out of the team through injury in the last couple of weeks but is expected to be fit for the confrontation with Rangers.
MATCH RATING: 6.48

DOUG ROUGVIE: The left-back has had a tremendous season and I believe he's one of the most underrated players in the side. He never gets the praise he deserves. That's because there are so many star names at Pittodrie.

Doug is very big and that makes him look awkward — don't let that deceive you!
MATCH RATING: 6.62

WILLIE MILLER: Everyone has been raving about what a great season he's had, but the Scottish international has been playing like this for as long as I can remember.

The Aberdeen skipper is a class player and he never flaps. His partnership with Alex McLeish is one of the best defensive pairings in Scotland.

MATCH RATING: 7.25

ALEX McLEISH: Very good in the air and quick. If a forward does manage to get past him Alex won't give up. He's playing with plenty of confidence at the moment and rightly so.

He's still quite young and enthusiastic. I remember talking to him during Scotland's World Cup campaign and he was so eager to learn.

MATCH RATING: 6.93

GORDON STRACHAN: What can be said about the wee man that hasn't already been written. He's the playmaker of the Aberdeen team.

Although he's small his legs go a lot quicker

than people think and he's got the skill to attack people when they least expect it.
MATCH RATING: 6.62

NEALE COOPER: He's got great skill on the ball and for a young lad he is very calm indeed. Neale has firmly established himself in 'The Dons' side this season.
MATCH RATING: 6.41

NEIL SIMPSON: One of the unsung heroes of Pittodrie. He tends to be overshadowed by the likes of Gordon Strachan and Willie Miller.

He's Aberdeen's grafter in the middle of the park. He never stops for 90 minutes and is full of endeavour and enthusiasm.

MATCH RATING: 6.60

MARK McGHEE: They call him 'Cannon' because of his incredible shot. The former Newcastle and Bristol City player is very difficult to get off the ball and is never flustered.

He is strong, has good balance and always seems to be in the right place at the right time. His strength is his consistent goalscoring.

MATCH RATING: 6.77

ERIC BLACK: Another Aberdeen youngster who has done tremendously well this season. Although he is on the small side there's no-one better than him in the air for his size.

He is very deceptive. People tend to lay off him because of his size, but before they know it the ball is in the back of the net. Finishing is his forte — he's deadly.

MATCH RATING: 6.50

PETER WEIR: Blossomed into a very good player since his £300,000 move from St Mirren and is one of the many potential matchwinners in the side.

It remains to be seen how he reacts to the big occasion but he has the ability to shine.

MATCH RATING: 6.50

■ Danny McGrain was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

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Neale Cooper — firmly established himself in 'The Dons' team this season.

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Scottish CUP FINAL 83

WILL it be Aberdeen or Rangers celebrating Cup Final victory at Hampden on Saturday? 'Match' brings you the verdict of six of the stars beaten along the way...

I CAN'T see Aberdeen faltering against a Rangers side which has struggled to find any kind of consistency this season.

Alex Ferguson has got a very strong squad of players together and he seems to have the right blend of youth and experience.

Willie Miller and Gordon Strachan have had a great influence on the side in what must be Aberdeen's best-ever season, and youngster Eric Black has also impressed me.

Rangers, on the other hand, have had a disappointing season by their own high standards and, although they have shown better form in the Cup, I can't see them troubling Aberdeen, who I think will win 2-0.

**DAVID
NAREY
Dundee
Utd**



PETER Weir, Gordon Strachan and Mark McGhee are the men who could bring the Scottish FA Cup back to Pittodrie.

Aberdeen's game revolves around Strachan and, if he's on form, things start to happen for the strike force of Weir and McGhee.

The Cup holders beat us in the early stages of the competition and have looked impressive all season... unlike Rangers who have not been at all consistent.

They seem to have recaptured a bit of form recently and the signing of Sandy Clark from West Ham has given them a lot more bite up front. But I would have to go for Aberdeen to beat them... 2-1.

**ALAN
ROUGH
Hibs**



ABERDEEN 4, RANGERS 2



**BRIAN
GALLAGHER
Kilmarnock**

ABERDEEN are strong favourites to retain the Scottish Cup and I wouldn't back against them.

They had a tough game against Real Madrid last week, but I don't think that will affect them and they should beat Rangers quite comfortably on Saturday.

We played 'The Dons' just over two weeks ago and they beat us very convincingly by five goals to nil. They took complete control of the game in the second half and some of the football they played was brilliant.

Rangers are a good cup side and they always seem to lift their game at Hampden Park where they get good support. But I still think Aberdeen will win... probably by two clear goals.

ABERDEEN are enjoying a marvellous season but I have a sneaking suspicion that Rangers could topple them on Saturday.

Rangers have not had the best of times, but seem to be running into form at just the right time and could cause an upset.

I have been very impressed by Aberdeen, who beat us 1-0 in the Semi-Final of the competition in what was a very physical game. They have a very strong back four which concedes very few goals and they also look good going forward.

But, on the day, I think Rangers will run out winners by two goals to one.

**MURDO
MACLEOD
Celtic**



**LEX
RICHARDSON
St Mirren**

I FANCY Aberdeen to win what should be an exciting, attacking game with plenty of goals.

They have by far the better quality players and, in Peter Weir and Mark McGhee, they have potential match-winners. Rangers' defenders are good in the air, but not so clever on the ground and that's where Aberdeen could exploit them.

Peter and Mark have tremendous close control and I think they'll pose a lot of problems.

Rangers beat us in the Semi-Final after a replay but were not very impressive.

Aberdeen are enjoying a marvellous season and I think their good run will continue against Rangers and they will win 3-1.

MY old club Rangers may have had a poor season as far as the League is concerned, but don't write them off on Saturday.

Although Aberdeen are favourites to lift the Cup, Rangers will be fighting like hell to salvage something from a disappointing campaign... and this is their last chance of doing that.

Both sides like to go forward and play attacking football so it seems to have all the ingredients of an exciting Final. I wouldn't like to predict a winner, but I fancy it might be Rangers in a very close game with just the odd goal deciding it.

**SANDY
JARDINE
Hearts**





■ THE North American Soccer League has kicked off in its most vital season to date.
Only 12 clubs are participating this year compared to the 24 that took part in 1980 and American experts fear the future of the League may be in doubt unless the fans turn out in force.

■ JOACHIM Streich of Magdeburg hit his fiftieth goal for his country, East Germany, in the game against Bulgaria.

■ ITALIAN manager Enzo Bearzot is reported to have said that he doesn't rate Spurs' Argentinian ace Ossie Ardiles... because he holds the ball too long and is predictable.
We bet he wishes Ardiles was Italian though...

■ STAR defender Junior is top of the pops in Brazil.
His record '15 of December Square' has sold half a million copies and a follow-up disc is planned.

SOCRATES

CUP Final skipper Bryan Robson ranks alongside brilliant Brazilian mastermind Socrates as one of the world's most wanted players.

That's the result of a fun survey among managers in the Football League. But Brazil have two stars on the 'most wanted' list — Falcao also picking up a vote.

Socrates was the choice of Coventry manager Dave Sexton when we asked

— THE WORLD'S MOST WANTED PLAYER

him to name which world star he would most like to have in his side.

He said of the midfield genius: "I would pick him simply because of the prodigious amount of work of gets through."

"He was an inspiration during the World Cup when he must have covered every inch of ground. He uses the ball so well and he would be part of any midfield I'd pick."

"Given the choice, I would have Socrates, Falcao and Bryan Robson in my midfield... you would have to go a long way to find a better three."

The brilliant Brazilians also caught the imagination of York boss Denis Smith, who says: "I would be happy with any one of their players, but if I had to choose one I would go for Socrates."

"He controls and totally dominates games from midfield and he has the knack of getting into goalscoring positions."

"If I had all the Brazilians, I could sit back in the stand and enjoy every minute of being a manager."

The talented Falcao was the choice of Wimbledon manager Dave Bassett. "He impressed me during the World Cup Finals," he says. "He's a good all-round player who can produce quality passes and score goals."

"He may have lacked some of the flashy tricks displayed by some of his team-mates, but he produced the goods in every game... and that's what counts."

Manchester United and England's Bryan Robson also figured prominently in the voting and was the choice of Newport manager Colin Addison and Bob Stokoe, of Carlisle.

Says Colin: "It would be difficult to find anyone better. He has tremendous all-round ability and can turn defence into attack in an instant."

"He gets through an enormous amount of work and, for a midfield player, he scores a lot of goals."

The two French stars, Michel Platini and Alain Giresse, also received a vote for their sparkling performances during the World Cup.

Sunderland manager Alan Durban chose the tiny Giresse. "His ability to dictate games impresses me most about him," he says. "He is always willing to

How the voting went:

Player	Votes
SOCRATES (Brazil)	2
ROBSON (England)	2
FALCAO (Brazil)	1
PLATINI (France)	1
GIRESE (France)	1
CONTI (Italy)	1
MARADONA (Argentina)	1
SHILTON (England)	1

go forward and get himself into supporting positions for the front men."

Platini, now playing for Italian club Juventus, was the choice of Port Vale boss John McGrath, who says: "I admired his skills during the World Cup and his ability to turn a game on his own."

"He has the hallmark of a very good player, but I think he would perhaps struggle to make an impression in this country playing in the mud and the rain."

Despite having a disappointing World Cup, the skilful Argentinian Diego Maradona gained the vote of Wolves' boss Graham Hawkins.

"He is the most exciting player in the world," he says. "He's a bit like Kevin Keegan, but ten times better."

"I would go anywhere to watch him play and I'd love to have him in my side... but I would probably have to sell the club three times over to buy him!"

Surprisingly, Paolo Rossi, Italy's goal hero in the World Cup Finals, did not figure in the voting, but his team-mate Bruno Conti was the choice of Oldham manager Joe Royle.

"He was one of the outstanding players in the World Cup and he impressed me immensely," says Joe. "He has tremendous all-round ability and he always makes himself available... a marvellous player to watch."

The only other English player to get a vote was Southampton 'keeper Peter Shilton, who was the choice of Lincoln boss Colin Murphy.

He says: "He's got the safest pair of hands in the business and must be the best 'keeper in the world."

HOW THEY STAND IN EUROPE

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Roma	27	14	10	3	41	22	38
Juventus	27	13	9	5	43	21	35
Inter Milan	27	10	13	4	35	21	33
Fiorentina	27	11	9	7	33	23	31
Verona	27	10	11	6	33	28	31
Torino	27	9	12	6	29	21	30
Sampdoria	27	8	13	6	27	24	29
Udinese	27	5	18	4	21	26	28
Genoa	27	6	13	8	31	33	25
Avellino	27	7	11	9	24	31	25
Cagliari	27	6	13	8	21	28	25
Pisa	27	7	9	11	25	27	23
Napoli	27	5	13	9	20	29	23
Ascoli	27	7	8	16	27	36	22
Cesena	27	4	13	10	20	31	21
Catanzaro	27	5	9	16	19	48	13

LEADING SCORERS: Altobelli (Inter Milan) 14; Platini (Juventus) 13; Penzo (Verona) 12; Pruzzo (Roma) 10; Antognoni (Fiorentina) 9.

TOP OF DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
AC Milan	31	14	14	3	62	31	42
Lazio	31	12	15	4	33	18	39
Como	31	10	17	4	28	18	37
Cremonese	31	11	14	6	34	25	36
Cavese	31	10	15	6	26	26	35
Catania	31	10	15	6	25	13	35

LEADING SCORERS: Giordano (Lazio) 13; Pradella (Monza) 12; Vincenzi (Pistoise), Carnevale (Reggiana) 11; Tivelli (Cavese), Jordan, Verza (Milan) 10.

W. GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hamburg	28	15	11	2	64	28	41
Werder Bremen	28	18	5	5	58	32	41
Bayern Munich	28	15	9	4	63	23	39
Stuttgart	27	15	7	5	64	36	37
Cologne	28	14	8	6	60	35	36
B. Dortmund	28	15	5	8	64	43	35
Kaiserslautern	28	12	11	5	47	33	35
Frankfurt	28	11	4	13	41	40	26
Nuremberg	28	10	6	12	38	55	26
Bochum	28	7	10	11	33	41	24
Dusseldorf	28	8	8	12	45	65	24
Bielefeld	27	9	5	13	36	57	23
Brunswick	28	7	9	12	32	51	23
B. M'gladbach	28	9	3	16	48	51	21
Leverkusen	28	6	8	14	32	58	20
Hertha Berlin	28	5	9	14	35	48	19
Schalke 04	28	5	6	17	36	60	16
Karlsruhe	28	5	6	17	32	72	16

LEADING SCORERS: Voeller (Werder Bremen), Rummenigge (Bayern) 18; Hrubesch (Hamburg), Littbarski (Cologne), Allgoewer (Stuttgart), Burgsmuller (B. Dortmund) 15; Cha Bum (Frankfurt) 14.

● THERE were no games in the Spanish First Division due to Cup commitments.

FRANCE

TOP OF DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nantes	32	20	9	4	62	20	48
Bordeaux	32	18	6	8	58	39	42
Paris St G.	32	16	7	9	51	40	39
Monaco	32	12	13	7	45	26	37

LEADING SCORERS: Krimau (Metz) 22; Szarmach (Auxerre) 21; Halilhodzic (Nantes), Lacombe (Bordeaux) 19; Beltramini (Rouen) 18.

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ajax	31	24	5	2	93	32	53
Feyenoord	31	20	9	2	63	33	49
PSV Eindhoven	31	19	9	3	77	32	47
Groningen	31	18	15	7	57	52	33
Sparta	31	10	12	9	58	50	32
Excelsior	31	13	6	12	42	38	32
Roda	31	12	8	11	50	46	32
Haarlem	31	12	8	11	42	46	32
Sittard	31	11	10	10	34	38	32
Utrecht	31	11	9	12	45	50	29
AZ 67	31	10	8	13	45	37	28
Helmond Sp.	31	8	9	14	41	61	25
Go Ahead	31	7	10	14	37	57	24
PEC Zwolle	31	7	16	38	56	23	23
Willem II	31	7	16	44	56	23	23
Twente	31	6	10	15	33	54	22
NEC Nijmegen	31	4	13	14	32	57	21
NAC Breda	31	4	11	15	32	63	21



Left: Brazilian skipper Socrates — most wanted.

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OFFSIDES AGAINST	
BOOKINGS	

SCORERS
AND TIMES

FINAL SCORE



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BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

Armstrong under a cloud

AS Northern Ireland prepare for their showdown with Scotland, World Cup hero Gerry Armstrong enters the fray with a big question mark hanging over his future.

Since recovering from the cruel double blow of a broken leg and ankle, the genial Irishman has failed to get back into the Watford side and his days at Vicarage Road look numbered.

He admits: "I've had a chat with manager Graham Taylor and we both agree that if another club comes in with a good offer, I should consider it.

"It will be a very sad day if and when I leave Watford, but I don't feel I need to sit on the substitutes, bench any longer. At my age I need regular first team football," says the 28-year-old striker.

"My chances have been limited because John Barnes and Luther Blissett have formed such an impressive partnership.

"John started the season on the wing, but because of injuries to myself and Ross Jenkins he moved to striker and has done really well."

Gerry was a sensation in Northern Ireland's brave World Cup campaign and returned home from Spain full of confidence and determined to finally establish himself in the Watford side.

"I played the best football of my career during the Finals and was in the Watford side at the start of the season. Then in October I broke my leg and the problems started."

As he was fighting his way back to fitness Gerry suffered another setback when he broke his ankle and he was out of action for nearly five months.

"It has been a terribly frustrating season especially after the excitement of the World Cup," says Gerry, who joined Watford from Tottenham for £250,000 in November 1980.

"I've had two and a half fantastic years at Watford. They rekindled my career and I've learned a lot under Graham Taylor.

"But I don't know what's going to happen now. I've still got a year of my contract to run at Watford, so it's just a case of wait and see.

"If I'm still here next season I'll be trying my hardest to regain my place in the first team. I still want to play for Watford. They are a good club."

Watford took the First Division by storm in their first season in the top flight and Gerry admits: "We surprised even ourselves.

"We thought it would take a year or two to establish ourselves in the higher level, but the lads have made remarkable progress.

"I don't think the other teams were prepared for the sort of football we play at Watford."



Gerry Armstrong — his future at Watford is in the balance.

adds Gerry, whose team are now certain to be playing in Europe next season for the first time in their history.

With or without him Gerry realises that Watford will face a much tougher test next season. He says: "It's going to be harder because teams will be even more determined to beat us.

"But I'm sure Watford can cope. There are some very good young players at the club and they can only get better. They will have learned from this season and be more mature next term."

Gerry is convinced that there is no way Watford will follow Swansea and slide back into the Second Division after just one successful season in the top flight.

He says: "Swansea bought a lot of players as a stop-gap. They were wanted to do a job for the club for two or three years. Here at Watford the players are home-grown and have come through the ranks."

Full-back Wilf Roston is one of the players Gerry believes has blossomed in the First Division. He says of the former Sunderland star: "Wilf has had a fantastic year.

"He's put in some outstanding performances and thoroughly deserved to be voted the club's player of the year.

"Luther Blissett has shown that he can score goals at any level and I've also been impressed with midfielder Les Taylor. He's never stopped running.

"When these players were in the Second Division they didn't get the recognition they deserved. Now they are in the top flight, people are beginning to take notice."

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SCOTLAND v NORTHERN IRELAND

WITH Scotland already out of next year's European Championship Finals, the British Championship takes on more significance than usual North of the border.

It's a long time to the next World Cup, and to wrest the British crown from England would go some way to appeasing their disappointed fans.

Manager Jock Stein will no doubt see the competition as a breeding ground with next year's World Cup qualifying matches in mind, but at this stage nothing would please the Scots more than to collect their first British Championship for six years.

England, who never conceded a goal in winning last year's Championship, already have two points in the bag thanks to a 2-1 defeat of Wales at Wembley back in February.

So it's important for the Scots to get a flying start against Northern Ireland at Hampden next Wednesday and end a lean spell of two defeats and a draw in three European Championship encounters.

Salvage job for Scots

SPOTLIGHT on next Tuesday's British Championship clash between Scotland and Northern Ireland at Hampden Park... and the international whose future hangs in the balance.

The one plus factor to emerge from Scotland's 2-2 home draw with Switzerland which effectively ended any realistic hopes Scotland had of reaching the Finals next summer, was the superb form of debutant Charlie Nicholas.

He scored a spectacular equaliser after Scotland had been two goals down, and he's sure to figure prominently in his country's World Cup plans.

Whether he'll be playing alongside 'Footballer of the Year' Kenny Dalglish in 1986 is a debatable point considering that the Liverpool ace will be over 34-years-old, but they look certain to partner each other once more in the British Championships.

Another debutant against the Swiss was Dundee United's Richard Gough, filling in the role dominated in the past few years by Danny McGrain, and there'll no doubt be more chances in these Championships for the likes of him, Aberdeen winger Peter Weir and possibly Tottenham's Alan Brazil, now that he's back among the goals.

On the other hand, Northern Ireland, wooden spoonists in this competition last year, still have their eyes on the European Championship Finals.

They have crucial qualifying matches coming up next season against Austria and West Germany which will decide their fate, so it's unlikely that manager Billy Bingham will be making too many changes.

He'll be keen to maintain the players and the spirit that has served him and his country so well over the past two seasons, and he'll be looking for a confidence booster at Hampden.



Left: Kenny Dalglish — set to partner Celtic sensation Charlie Nicholas against Northern Ireland.

LAST TEN YEARS' RESULTS SCOTLAND v N. IRELAND

- 1973 (Glasgow) Scotland 1 (Dalglish), N. Ireland 2 (O'Neill M, Anderson)
- 1974 (Glasgow) Scotland 0, N. Ireland 1 (Cassidy)
- 1975 (Glasgow) Scotland 3 (MacDougall, Dalglish, Parlane), N. Ireland 0
- 1976 (Glasgow) Scotland 3 (Gemmell, Dalglish, Masson), N. Ireland 0
- 1977 (Glasgow) Scotland 3 (Dalglish 2, McQueen), N. Ireland 0
- 1978 (Glasgow) Scotland 1 (Johnstone D), N. Ireland 1 (O'Neill M)
- 1979 (Glasgow) Scotland 1 (Graham), N. Ireland 0
- 1980 (Belfast) Scotland 0, N. Ireland 1 (Hamilton)
- *1981 (Glasgow) Scotland 1 (Wark), N. Ireland 1 (Hamilton)
- 1981 (Glasgow) Scotland 2 (Stewart, Archibald), N. Ireland 0
- *1981 (Belfast) Scotland 0, N. Ireland 0
- 1982 (Belfast) Scotland 1 (Wark), N. Ireland 1 (McIlroy)
- * Denotes World Cup

FINAL TABLE LAST SEASON

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	3	0	0	6	0	6
Scotland	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Wales	3	1	0	2	3	2	2
N. Ireland	3	0	1	2	1	8	1

REMAINING FIXTURES

Saturday, May 28 — N. Ireland v England; Wales v Scotland
Tuesday, May 31 — N. Ireland v Wales
Wednesday, June 1 — England v Scotland

CURRENT POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Wales	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Scotland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
N. Ireland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

SCOTLAND v N. IRELAND

Played 89, Scotland won 60, N. Ireland won 14, drawn 15. Goals: Scotland 253, N. Ireland 79.

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

	Outright wins	Shared titles
England	33	20
Scotland	24	17
Wales	7	5
N. Ireland	2	5

● SCOTLAND's biggest win over Northern Ireland was 11-0 in Glasgow in 1901, while the Irish have twice won by two clear goals. That was in 1903 in Glasgow and 1947 in Belfast, both by 2-0.

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